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CENTRE ADDS LOSS OF SMELL, TASTE TO COVID SYMPTOMS

In a revised protocol, the health ministry also advised against using hydroxychloroquine tablets in critically ill cases

MUSCLE PAIN, DIARRHOEA ALSO RED FLAGS

Apart from loss of smell and taste, the health ministry added muscle pain, mucous formation in throat, sore throat, clogged nasal cavity, and diarrhoea to the list of Covid-19 symptoms, in a revised clinical management protocol released on Saturday. This means, those with the above symptoms could soon be considered eligible for coronavirus testing

CENTRE CHANGES STANCE ON HCQ

- The revised protocol says anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) should be used in the early stage for meaningful results and should be avoided in pa tients who are critically ill
- The new documents says the evidence base behind the use of hydroxychloroquine remains limited as with other drugs | P7

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SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE A PATIENT STARTS TAKING HCQ TABLETS

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India may have to spend 6.2% of GDP to manage Covid: ICMR

Report submitted to govt recommends intensified public health surveillance measures; infections expected to peak in October-November

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A whopping 6.2% of the country's GDP, or about ₹12.5 lakh crore, is required to fight the Covid-19 pandemic in India with intensified public measures, a report by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has said.

Considering that the Union health budget is 1.3% of the GDP and the Centre has pledged ₹15,000 crore towards the public health crisis so far, this means that the cost of Covid-19 care could be nearly five times the annual allocation on health and 75 times the fund dedicated towards the disease management yet.

The report, *A Model-Based Analysis for Covid-19 Pandemic in India: Implications for Health Systems and Policy for Low- and Middle-Income Countries*, has also noted that "in the event of a lockdown for eight weeks, the peak of the epidemic shifts by 34-76 days, and the number of cases at the end of the 8-week lockdown reduces by 69% to 97% with varying effectiveness of locdown. "However, the cumulative long-term cases remain the same," it said.

The study has been prepared by public health specialists and health economists attached to the ICMR, PGIMER-Chandigarh, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a member of the National Task Force on Covid-19.

The 25-page report, submitted to the government, also underlines that intensification of public health surveillance measures with 60% effectiveness is estimated to reduce the cases at peak and cumulative number of infections by 70% and 26.6%, respectively.

Strengthening the health system response in terms of enhanced testing, isolation of cases, treatment and contact tracing, as is being done currently, would have to be the mainstay to reduce the impact of the pandemic in terms of reduction in infected population and Covid-19 deaths in India until a vaccine becomes available, the experts said.

The lockdown factor

The report pegs the health system cost of managing Covid-19 in the absence of interventions such as the nationwide lockdown at ₹11,31,300 crore. "This is nearly 4.5% of the GDP. These estimated costs increased by 2.25 times with an intervention of eight-week lockdown and public health measures with 60% effectiveness," it says

A main highlight of the report is that without the lockdown and public health measures such as testing and contact tracing, the peak would have come in mid-July but has now been shifted to November and the total number of infections at the peak would be lower.

"The first two weeks of the lockdown were most effective in containing the spread of the disease and as per our analysis, the peak could be expected in October-November," Dr Narendra Arora, chair of the operations research group of the national Covid-19 task force, told this newspaper.

"While some modellers and scientists sitting in the US and UK were predicting doom for India in May-June, we have done much better and the main cornerstone of our Covid-19 strategy would be effective cluster management," he said, pointing out that the country was better prepared to deal with infections now than it was in March.

RECLAIMING A BEACH

Twelve tons of footwear that had washed ashore along the 200-metre stretch of Kodi beach in Kundapur, Udupi district, were cleared by an army of volunteers of the Clean Kundapur Project on seven Sundays. The volunteers also collected half a ton of glass bottles, 167 kg of plastic waste and 13 kg of electronic waste | EXPRESS | REPORT: P5

India red-faced as Nepal parliament clears Bill to redraw map showing 'disputed' areas

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delh

THE Nepal Parliament, in a special session on Saturday, voted in favour of a constitutional amendment Bill to include disputed territories of Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani in Uttarakhand in its new political map and emblem.

The Bill, introduced by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli on Wednesday in the House of Representatives, or the Lower House of Nepal's Parliament, was cleared with a two-thirds majority after all 258 votes went in favour of the amendment.

The overwhelming majority was achieved after the main opposition party, the Nepali Congress, decided to back the amendment. The strength of the House of Representatives is 275.

India described the development as untenable and "violative of our current understanding to hold talks on outstanding boundary issues." The Ministry of External Affairs said: "We have already made our position clear on this matter. This artificial enlargement of claims is not based on historical facts or evidence and is not tenable. It is also violative of our current understanding to hold talks on outstanding boundary issues."

The Bill will now be sent to the Upper House. Once cleared there, it would be sent to the Nepali President for ratification. The formal clearance of the new map is likely to close any chances of Indo-Nepal talks on the border issue.

Ladakh situation under control, troops disengaging: Army chief

VINEET UPADHYAY & MAYANK SINGH @ Dehradun/New Delhi

IN the first public statement after Indian and Chinese troops clashed in eastern Ladakh last month following which the Chinese army has occupied areas near the Pangong lake, Army Chief General M M Naravane said on Saturday that the situation was under control and both the sides were "disengaging" in a phased manner.

"We have started from the north, the area of the Galwan River. A lot of disengagement has happened. We have had a fruitful dialogue with the Chinese, it will continue and by and by, the situation will improve," Gen Naravane said.

"It started with corps commander-level talks on June 6 which has been followed up by a number of meetings at the local level between commanders of equivalent ranks and as a result of this lot disengagement has taken place," the Army chief said.

While there have been reports of minor disengagement of troops from the Galwan Valley and Hot Spring areas, there has been no change in the standoff at Finger 4 of the Pangong lake.

INDIRA CAN'TEENS? SUBSIDIES MAY GO, TENANTS MAY COME

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State Government, which is already reeling under a fund crunch, is likely to stop funding the Indira Canteens as it has become a burden on the exchequer. Instead, it may look at renting out the premises to private agencies to run the canteens, and thereby raise additional revenues.

The Indira Canteens were started by the previous Congress government, headed by Siddaramaiah, to provide food at subsidised cost to the urban poor.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj said the government is spending over Rs 400 crore per year towards subsidy on the canteens. "There are allegations of fund misuse. The contractors provide bills for 500 people and collect the money from the government, whereas hardly 200-300 people may have had food. This needs to be probed," he said.

The minister pointed out that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had recently instructed them to get a report on the working of the Indira Canteens. "I have directed officials to get full information on the canteens and number of customers. The report is expected to be ready in a month," he said.

When asked if the government will shut the canteens, Basavaraj said there is a proposal to rent them out to private agencies. "In such a case, we will not fund it. The private agency can fix the rates," he said. P5

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

308 Test +ve on Saturday

Total +ve cases on Saturday 6,824

Total deaths 81

3,648 Recoveries so far

REPORTS: P4

- CM B S Yediyurappa will review the Covid-19 situation and measures taken to revive the economy on Monday, ahead of his video conference with the PM on Wednesday
- Kakati police have booked a case against eight people and arrested one among them for allegedly attacking a Panchayat Development Officer and other officials at Maranhol village in Belagavi district

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EXPRESS READ

Petrol, diesel prices hiked

New Delhi: Petrol price was on Saturday hiked by 59 paise per litre and diesel by 58 paise as oil companies, for the seventh day in a row, adjusted retail rates in line with costs since ending an 82-day hiatus in rate revision.

TPG picks 0.93 pc in Jio Platforms

New Delhi: Global alternative asset firm TPG has bought 0.93 per cent stake in billionaire Mukesh Ambani's digital arm Jio Platforms for Rs 4,546.80 crore. With this, the company has raised Rs 1.02 lakh crore from global technology investors, the company said in a statement on Saturday.

CWMA DIKTAT

Raitha wrath: More of Cauvery ordered to flow away

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

FARMERS in the Cauvery basin, who are already hit due to the closure of sugar factories, crash in prices of farm produce and delay in the release of water to save semi-arid crops, have now been dealt another blow. The Cauvery Water Management Authority has directed the state to release 40.34 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu in June and July.

Maintaining that the directive is based on the monthly quota finalised by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in its final verdict, the Authority has asked Karnataka to release 9.19 tmcft of water for June and 31.37 tmcft for July.

RESERVOIR LEVELS

KRS	124.8 FT / 91.68 FT	INFLOW 1,798 / Outflow 1,081	LIVE STORAGE 13.17 tmcft
HEMAVATHI	2,922 FT	2,880 FT	
KABINI	2284 FT	2,281.63 FT	
CUSECS	INFLOW 896 / Outflow 300	LIVE STORAGE 6.29 tmcft	
CUSECS	INFLOW 864 / Outflow 1,500	LIVE STORAGE 7.95 tmcft	

MAX | SATURDAY'S LEVEL

This comes at a time when the availability of water in all the four Cauvery basin reservoirs combined — KRS, Harangi, Kabini and Hemavathi — is less than 32 tmcft. Any discharge from these will affect the drinking water needs of Bengaluru, Mysuru and other towns and standing crops if there are no timely showers in the catchment area.

Opposing the order as unrealistic, farmer leaders said the monsoon is yet to set in fully in Kodagu and also Wayanad in neighbouring Kerala. P5

We are not against implementing the Authority's decision... But in this time of distress, we will have to review release of water

Narayana Gowda, Mandya District Minister

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Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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MIN 22°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Showers early. Partly sunny

Sunrise 5.53 am
Sunset 6.46 pm
Moonrise 1.00 am
Moonset 1.33 pm

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PLAYING WITH THE PAST

Traditional games, like Hulimane, thrive during lockdown and after in Gadag district

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

DN RON, a town in Gadag district, the Nayak family gets busy to play a few rounds of Pagade, a traditional Indian board game. The dice, cloth board and wooden pieces are kept safe inside a suitcase in a cupboard, while some components are also found in old bags. All these are coming out for play.

When the lockdown was extended, not having much to do, the youngsters of the Nayak household discovered this indigenous game to pass the time. Hence, they along with their elders have taken upon themselves to continue playing this time-honoured pastime even after lockdown as schools continue to be shut.

The lockdown, which compelled people to stay indoors, came as a blessing in disguise for the resurrection of sorts of traditional Indian board games, which have almost completely been lost to the current generation. Trying out different things to stay occupied, many now as in the Nayak home, are looking to revive the thrill of playing these games, while also passing on the ethos to their children.

At the Nayaks', children have set up the board and are asking their elders to explain the game rules. Pagade or Pachisi is chronicled to originate in the early medieval period, while it is also seen 'playing' a pivotal role in the epic Mahabharata. Like most other traditional board games, not many today know how it is played.

"The Pagade set, along with its cloth board, is 170 years old and was also played on by our forefathers. It is a game which lasts at least a few hours," senior citizens Kasturibai Nayak and Rajendraprasad inform.

A lot of families in North Karnataka continue to playing traditional games though the lockdown is now lifted. In the rural hinterland of the region, a popular game Hulimane is being played more often nowadays. This game only requires broken pieces of tamarind seeds and a square pattern drawn on the floor, and is ideal for those advised to stay indoors.

Earlier, such games would be played on occasions like Deepavali in the villages, but that custom was also on the wane until recently. However, with the lockdown, these games are being revived not just among rural, but also urban folk.

Gadag town sees another game Channa Mane emerging popular among its people, who have also noticed the joy of playing Hulimane, Chouka Bara, Anekallu Aata and the familiar Havu Eni Aata. The elders are also teaching the children to play these games, which the latter are enjoying.

Gururaj Malagitti (8) from Ishwar extension in Gadag town says, "I love playing Channa Mane now. I used to play Angry Birds and Candy Crush on mobile earlier. Now, after learning this ancient game, I am forcing my grandmother to play it with me again and again. We are playing these indoor games even after the lockdown is lifted as still schools are still shut."

In a consolation of sorts, some of these nostalgic pastimes have also found their way via mobile apps, albeit in new avatars. Yogeshan Kundagol, an octogenarian from Gadag, reminisces, "I have seen Pagade to chess on mobiles. But the happiness we derived by playing them the authentic way cannot be got while playing on the mobile."

Siddu Kuduri, a farmer, says, "I have played and enjoyed all types of indoor games, but my children are fascinated with games on the mobile. Teachers and seniors should impart knowledge about our games to children, as mobiles will do more harm to their young minds and eyes too."

Indeed, the lockdown seems to have reversed the trend for the better. In the words of Kasturibai Nayak and Rajendraprasad: "Now after the lockdown, we have got the idea of educating our children about traditional games so that their legacy continues to survive amongst every successive generation."

OLD IS GOLD
Channa Mane or Aliguli Mane—a board with hollows and played with tamarind seeds
Pachisi—Ludo is its modern avatar
Haavu Eni Aata –Snakes and ladders

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> — Siddu Kuduri, a farmer

Bringing the sparrow back

K RATHNA @Mysuru

ONCE upon a time you could see scores of sparrows hopping in the backyard or even some daring to come to your balcony chirping merrily. But with cities turning into concrete jungles, this little bird slowly vanished. Now, a Mysuru resident has taken these tiny creatures under her wing to help conserve them.

Kokila Ramesh Jain, a resident of Siddarthanagar, has constructed over 150 homes for sparrows, which she will distribute this month. She was inspired to go about this initiative after reading an article about sparrows in a magazine. The 44-year-old homemaker was so moved that she dedicated her time during the lockdown towards providing safe breeding spaces for sparrows so as to increase their numbers in Mysuru.

Kokila is the founder of Jeev Daya Jain Charity, which works towards the conservation of birds. She, via her organisation, has distributed around 500 sparrow houses and 500 feeder bottles to citizens last year. The design for the bird houses is her own -- the customised terracotta nests have helped attract more sparrows, she says.

To ensure that the sparrows are well taken care of, she calls the residents/establishments to keep tabs on the feathered creatures. After getting details about their activities, Kokila requests people to fill the pots with water and food. She also often visits Devaraja Market to conduct surveys and interact with people on the status of the birds.

Speaking to The New Sunday Express, Kokila says, "Initially, the shop owners at Devaraja Market would tell me that there were no sparrows at all in the area, and that my initiative would fail. To change their minds, I conducted a campaign which helped educate them on the behaviour of the birds. Now, they are demanding nests so they can put them up near their shops! It makes me very happy that people are understanding the value of these birds."

Mahadev, a vendor in Devaraja Market, says, "At first, I didn't think this would work at all. However, after three months, the house Kokila made started to attract the birds."

Sparrows, which have seen a drastic drop in population, can't be found just about anywhere, unlike earlier when spotting these tiny birds in cities was common. Now, these birds are seen only in some select pockets of the city. Kokila has started studying the areas where sparrows can still be found and is setting up nests there. Her plan is to have feeding stations for birds in different parts of Mysuru and to plant fruit-bearing and flower-bearing saplings so that birds can access food naturally.

Kokila says that anyone interested can take part in the initiative by setting up nests. It is also important to construct a sand pit nearby, as sparrows enjoy playing in sand and water. The nests have a few holes in them for the birds to go in and out easily. The sparrows are fed a mixture of seeds, rice and foxtail millet. Those who want a nest can contact 9449066118.

Kokila Ramesh Jain displays varieties of sparrows nests installed in Mysuru

No govt orders yet, online classes still on

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

DESPITE Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announcing that no online classes will be conducted up to Grade 5, schools are still continuing with it because they have not yet received the government order.

Private schools affiliated to CBSC and ICSE are using this as an excuse to continue with classes and the delay by the state education department in implementing the orders is only helping them. The department's delay in issuing the circular is making parents question the government's intent.

Sources in the government said the minister had issued stern directions to the department to speed up the process, but still there is laxity. "The day the announcement was made, the Primary and Secondary Education Department was told to release the orders and submit a report within 10 days regarding the formation of a committee for video link classes, the next step. But the first phase of the orders have not yet been issued," a source said.

When *The New Sunday Express* contacted the officials, most of them reasoned that it was a Second Saturday and a holiday.

"School is continuing with online classes even after the minister announced otherwise. When questioned, the management said they had not yet got the government orders.

"They also said they were following Central Government guidelines issued in May to continue with online classes," said Poornima M, a parent of a Grade-2 student studying in a CBSE school.

Parents said that schools were arm-twisting them to pay the fees at the earliest and also purchase books as online classes had started.

Dr K G Jagadeesh, Commissioner for Public Instruction, said: "Orders are being prepared by the secretariat and would be released by Monday or Tuesday. There is no delay. Even normally, after announcements are made, it takes time to issue government orders because many legal aspects have to be looked into. With issues like these, orders have to be drafted in such a way that it covers all boards."

Sources in the department said: "The draft prepared by the education department is the same as what the minister had announced. The only addition the department has made is a statement as per the provisions of the education act and it took three days to include this."

Despite repeated attempts, S R Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department, was not available for comment.

> **A survey of 650 parents has revealed that 90 per cent wanted to continue the online classes. We are awaiting for the order from the government. We might adopt a synchronous teaching**
> Sharmila A, coordinator for primary section of Gopalan International School

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, along with Revenue Minister R Ashok and Mayor M Goutham Kumar, inaugurated the Sardar Vallabhbhai Academy in Yediyur ward. The academy will help students appear for competitive exams like UPSC and KPSC. The academy aims to help students from economically weaker sections. The CM also inaugurated a biodigester with a capacity of five tonnes at the ward. Every month, the digester will generate 12 lakh litres of organic fertiliser, said BBMP officials | **MEGHANA SASTRY, ENS**

COMED-K exam on July 25

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

THE Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka has decided to reschedule the state-level examination, which will be held on July 25.

COMED-K has allowed candidates, who could not apply for the exam for the current year, to apply from June 14-17 on www.comedk.org. Those who applied can edit their applications from June 18 -21. New test cities have been added and the candidates can choose from the list available.

However, the allotment of the test centre and city is subject to availability.

MSRIT is top-ranked engg institute in state

The M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology (MSRIT), Bengaluru, has been ranked 59 among the top 100 engineering institutions in the country in 2020, as per the National Institutional Framework. The MSRIT is ranked first among all the institutions affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. The Institute was earlier ranked 65 among higher education institutions as per the Scimago Institutions Ranking 2020 in India and 578 in the world.

EXPRESS READ

Govt plans to improve 4G connectivity in state

Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Saturday said that the government was focusing on providing 4G network across the state so that online classes can go on unhindered, as connectivity was a major issue. He was speaking during a webinar on 'Digitising Higher Education - Challenges and Opportunities' organised by Padmashree Institute of Management. **ENS**

Hospitality sector frets over age restriction for tourists

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the State and Central governments have decided to permit tourism in the state, tashildars and deputy commissioners are strict about not allowing those above 60 years of age and children below 10 at homestays.

The district administrations have been holding meetings with members from the hospitality sector, especially homestays on enforcing this norm. But, it has not gone down well with property owners and citizens hoping to go on a vacation.

"There has been a rise in demand for homestays in forest areas, as travellers consider it safe to travel to greener places as compared to other destinations. However, with the age restrictions in place, many families will choose not to travel and the number of tourists will come down," said Lokesh K, a homestay owner.

Tourists too are of the same opinion. "We were planning to go on a holiday with my eight-year-old daughter to a homestay near the forests. However, when we enquired, we were told that we cannot be accommodated because she is below 10 years of age. Now we cannot leave her as we planned the holiday for her as she spent her summer vacation at home. Such enforcement of rules is not right. The government has issued an advisory and not passed an order," said Sunanda U, a corporate professional.

Tourism department officials said that the local administrations are taking a decision based on where the tourists are coming from.

Tourism Department Director K N Ramesh told *The New Sunday Express* that the department has issued guidelines on hygienic practices at homestays.

He added that the department has advised all stakeholders to ensure safety, but DCs take the final decision, as they are part of the disaster management committee.

However, the department has decided to open tourist sites in a phased manner, depending on the cases, demand and response from locals.

Rajagopalnagar police on Saturday arrested a scrap dealer, G Swamy, for pouring chemicals down a drain, which caused a fire. Residents heard an explosion after a fire broke out and spread to an adjacent park. A witness, Ravikumar, filed a complaint against Swamy.

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'GOVT INTENTIONS BONA FIDE IN BANNING ONLINE CLASSES'

BANSY KALAPPA & PREEJA PRASAD @ Bengaluru

As the Karnataka Government has banned online classes for students up to fifth standard, there have been voices supporting and opposing the move. Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar clears the air in this exclusive, exhaustive interview with The New Sunday Express.

Q Online sessions for primary classes (first to fifth standard) have started in Bengaluru. Many parents have subscribed to internet connections and have bought laptops and other devices for these sessions. But online classes are banned now... Parents ask whether this order would not put students from the state at a disadvantage. Schools too say that they have invested on training teachers and building platforms, but all that is going waste now...

The decision was taken after a public outcry against online classes for small children. Even NIMHANS has given an opinion against it. The decision was taken considering the overall wellbeing of our children and society. Government's intentions are bona fide and we are exploring all scenarios where our students are best informed. We need to understand the divide between India and Bharat, rural and urban areas, and haves and have-nots while taking policy decisions.

Q&A SURESH KUMAR

Q You had taken an initiative in collaboration with the health department to hold PU and SSLC exams. Can you not use similar measures to hold regular classes for students?

Regular classes are not the priority now, though there is no alternative to it. At present, our focus is on holding incident-free SSLC exams. Measures for fair and effective education for our children of all classes will unfold in the future. We are seeking the opinion of parents on opening of schools and steps needed to be taken.

Q What happened to the initiative of tying up with Doordarshan to offer regular classes for students?

Our experiment to have one-month revision classes for SSLC students through Chandana channel (state-run) is a great success. We have submitted a proposal to the Central Government for dedicated Doordarshan channels. The recording sessions by our expert teachers have already started in our studios. We are setting up state-of-the-art studios in select districts. We have requested Union ministers Pralhad Joshi and Sadananda Gowda to help us in getting the proposal passed at the central government level.

Q Many private schools have started online sessions and are continuing despite the government statement.

This will be stopped. I have instructed officers to keep an eye on such sessions. Private schools should understand that the government's concerns are in the best interest of our children.

Q Parents have requested you on social media not to stop online classes because children will waste time otherwise. One parent has requested you not to jeopardise the future of children by cancelling education services.

There are different opinions. But majority say that online classes for young children is a concern. We have constituted a committee to look into these issues comprehensively. Finally, a decision in the best interest of students will be taken.

Q Have you had sufficient interactions with parents, schools and experts before taking the decision?

People from all quarters were consulted. The committee formed to create a roadmap has people from all sections. Their voices will be represented in the policy to be framed soon.

Q Some parents have spoken of home schooling because of the pandemic. Is that an option?

This dire situation has taught us to think about the possibilities which we never thought of earlier. Policies have to be framed afresh as there has been no precedent. Option of home schooling is more an urban-centric concept, which will also be viewed holistically.

Q When Telangana and Tamil Nadu cancelled board exams for the tenth standard, the same was expected in Karnataka.

The scenario in Telangana and Tamil Nadu is quite different from Karnataka. Our High Court has clearly ruled in favour of conducting the examination and we have taken the decision in the interest of our students

BJP to pick MLC aspirants on Monday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Shivamogga

THE BJP core committee will meet at 4pm on Monday in Bengaluru to finalise the names of candidates for the Legislative Council polls and convey them to the central election committee, said K S Eshwarappa, senior BJP leader and RDPR minister.

"The party owes much to former Congress and JDS leaders who joined the BJP and helped it come to power in the state. Likewise, there are many long-time party workers whose contribution cannot be sidelined. There is a need to give opportunities to both," Eshwarappa told reporters here on Saturday.

He hoped that the candidate selection would bring satisfaction to both party workers as well as those whose support enabled the party to form the government in the state. Everyone would be given an opportunity and this would help the government complete the next three years, he said.

It is quite common to seek a ticket to the legislature on the basis of caste and district representation. The BJP does not consider the caste of the worker, but only their contribution, Eshwarappa said.

Opinions from all districts have been sought and the issue will be discussed in the core committee before finalising the names of the candidates.

To a question, Eshwarappa said Chief Minister Yediyurappa would consult central leaders on whether to expand the cabinet or restructure it.

Any decision would be taken after the Council election.

Will pass ordinance on Land Reforms Act: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said proposed amendments to the Land Reforms Act will help farmers and an ordinance will be issued for its implementation.

The state cabinet had decided to amend the Act to permit non-agriculturists to purchase farm land and to double the ceiling on land holdings. "The proposed changes will help farmers. We will discuss it with Siddaramaiah and convince him," the CM said, responding to the Congress' opposition to the changes.

It will also help the state attract investments, the CM said, adding that the proposed changes will not be permitted to be misused. The Congress had alleged that the amendments would allow corporate houses and land mafia to grab land from small farmers.

Act on illegal buildings

The Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act will be amended by June-end to regularise unauthorised buildings, Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Saturday.

CRIME PATROL

7 arrested for murder bid on history-sheeter

Yelahanka police on Friday arrested a gang of seven for a murder attempt on a history-sheeter on June 6. Police said that Cat Manja and Ramesh, who are in Bengaluru Central Prison, planned to have Loki killed and hired them.ENS

Jewellery store staffer held for theft

Nandini Layout police on Friday arrested a jewellery store employee for stealing gold ornaments worth Rs 45 lakh. The police recovered articles weighing 1.16kg from the accused, Uttam Dolai (37), a resident of Kasturba Nagar.ENS

DKS to take charge after MLC election

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AFTER a three-month delay, Congress veteran D K Shivakumar is finally set to take charge as KPCC president.

Shivakumar, who was appointed KPCC president on March 11, is likely to assume office after the Legislative Council election on July 29, a party source said.

Shivakumar plans to take charge of the party through a "pratijna dina" (pledge day) ceremony that would be telecast live to 7,800 locations across the state and over 10 lakh party workers are expected attend it virtually.

During a visit to Global Academy of Technology – which he owns – on Saturday, Shivakumar did a technology trial-run by organising a video conference with a limited number of people and interacting with party workers.

XPRESS FOCUS

MARMA CHIKITSA'S NEW FRONTIER

Ayur Matam, located in the city of Mysuru, is taking the benefits of important aspects of Ayurveda to a broader populace —both through treatments and education — and the man behind the vision is leaving no stone unturned in his pursuit for excellence in the field

Situated in Mysuru, Ayur Matam Ayurveda Marma Hospital and Academic Institute is one among the few medical establishments in the Ayurveda sector that re-opened its doors bowing to 'pressure' of patient enquiries during the lockdown in May this year. The institute has since provided consultations and treatment, braving the risks and challenges posed by the Covid 19.

A pioneering modern hospital of ancient medicine and treatment, alleviating pain and delivering cure for chronic diseases, Ayur Matam has adopted safe practises including regular thermal screening of all concerned, as mandated during post lockdown days.

According priority to strengthening immunity of all its patrons, Ayur Matam has developed a special 10-day Marma Chikitsa programme for the vulnerable sections of society, especially the aged and those with co-morbidities such as diabetes and stress-related ailments.

The only IS0 9001:2015 accredited Ayurveda-Marma Hospital in Karnataka, Ayur Matam is registered under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Authority (KPMEA).

Ayur Matam is engaged in the rejuvenation and restoration — by practice, propagation and protection — of centuries old Marma Chikitsa. The treatment procedures followed at Ayur Matam are a unique blend of Marma Chikitsa, the 5500 years old ancient traditional treatment techniques that offer cure without surgery, anaesthesia or pain killers.

Ayur Matam treatment methods emanate from treatise propounded and preserved in *Kalaripayattu*, the ancient martial arts of Kerala; and the variants of Marma procedures held holy by the *Sanths* and *Saadhus* of the Himalayas; and healing methods practised in *Varma Kalai* of Tamil Nadu.

Ayur Matam's driving force is Marmacharya Dr Manu B Menon, its Managing Director, a philanthropist social worker. The miraculous world of Marma Chikitsa revealed itself to Dr Manu B Menon when a major accident left him bedridden, and led him to the care of prodigal Marmacharya Sudheer Vaidya.

Recovering and learning the techniques in awe under his tutelage, Dr Manu emerged as a Marma Vaidya. He later travelled the length and breadth of the country in search of a cure for his then ailing father, late K Balagopalan Menon, who had introduced him to Ayurveda. During his travels, he mastered Marma Chikitsa as practised in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Himalayas, spending years with the pandiths, aghoris, sanyasis, rishis, sadhus and sants.

Marma Chikitsa: Salvation from Pain

According to Dr. Manu, Marma points or vital junctions when gently pressed leads to *Nadi Shuddhi*; the result being free flow of blood in the circulatory system and recalibration of bio-mechanics. "Marma points number around 107 in the human body. They are points of vital life force. When imbalances block the movement of free-flowing energy in the body, the resulting stagnation leads to physical and mental discomfort and disease. When we touch Marma points, we stimulate the body's biomechanics to produce exactly what the body needs, including neuro-chemicals and hormones that heal the body, mind and consciousness," he said.

Ayur Matam functions from two fully operational units in the city. A full-fledged 100 bedded speciality Ayur Matam Hospital near Vajamangala on Bannur Main Road in Mysore city is a veritable resort spread across five acres. This green habitat housing the Marma Chikitsa facilities and facilities for Ayurveda Panchakama Chikitsa is complete with general, semi special and deluxe inpatient facilities. The green landscape nestles buildings of tasteful architecture including Cottages, Yoga and Meditation hall, Pharmacy, Canteen facilities, Consultation and Counselling Room, and Herbal garden with medicinal plants and trees.

In 2019, Ayur Matam added its new unit, a fully functional 50-bedded teaching hospital annexe attached to the new Ayur Matam Academic Institute of Ayurveda & Yogic Sciences (AM-AIAYS) at Deve Gowda Circle on Bannur Main Road. This unit offers all services of Ayur Matam, complete with OP & IP facilities, Marma & Panchakarma therapies, and Consultation & Counselling Services, and a full-fledged Kalari Arena.

Marma Chikitsa is an effective immunity enhancer and when combined with Ayurveda treatments serve as ideal non-surgical and natural medicine and therapeutic option, without side effects, for the medical challenges of present times

- Dr Manu B Menon, Managing Director, Ayur Matam

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- Thyroid disorder
- Nervous disorders
- Digestive disorders
- Sexual disorders
- Mental health disorders
- Skin disorders

Dr Manu B Menon and Dr Asha Manu receiving the Business Excellence Award 2020 from Bollywood Star Suniel Shetty for 'Excellence in Marma Chikitsa & Ayurveda Education'

SUPPORT

Dr. Manu B Menon is ably assisted by a team of ace Ayurveda doctors led by Dr. Asha Manu, Director, and well trained Marma Chikitsa Therapists, Counsellors, Panchakarma Therapists, Yoga Teachers, Astrologist, Numerologist, Kalaripayattu Teachers, Psychologists and Physiotherapists. At the organizational level, Dr Manu benefits from the staunch support of City's leading Orthopaedic Dr. Manjunath of DRM Hospitals.

Marmacharya Dr Manu B Menon receiving the National Excellence Award 2019 instituted by Alma London, UK, from Music Icon Bappi Lahiri at Indore

Marmacharya Dr Manu B Menon with the Honorary Doctorate conferred by Virtual University of India at Bengaluru in 2018

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Admissions for the courses under the regular stream during this disrupted academic year with online classes on the digital platform closes June 2020. The next batch of admissions will commence in December 2020.

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A total of 42 positive cases were reported in Bidar on Saturday, taking the tally to 350. Most of the cases were of Maharashtra-returnees, orginally from Basavakalyana taluk.

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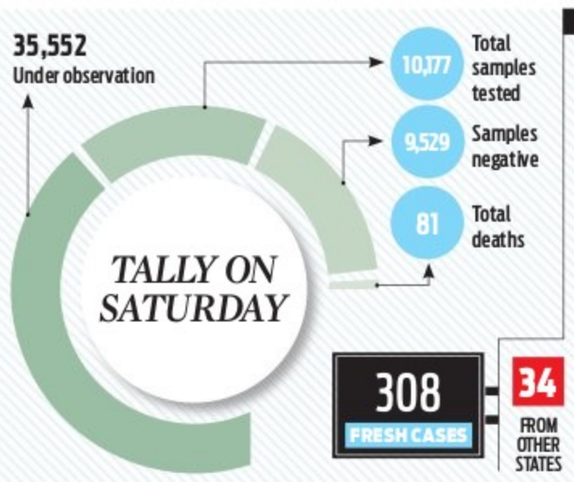
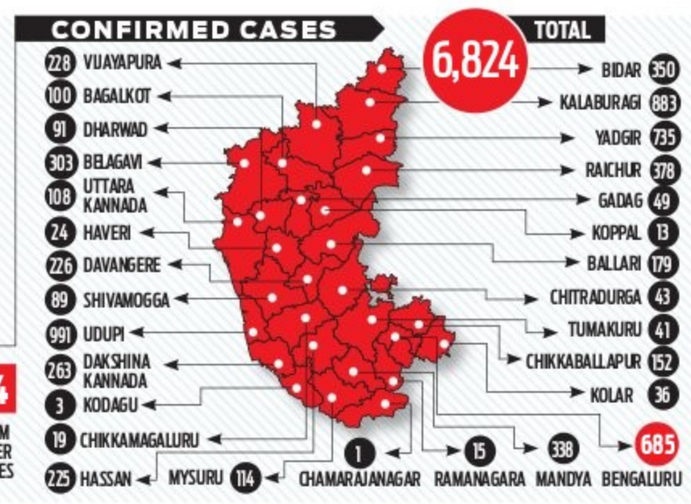




Late reporting behind spike in B'luru deaths

Of 81 dead in the state, 19 from city; Self-medication, lifestyle-related diseases too to blame, say experts

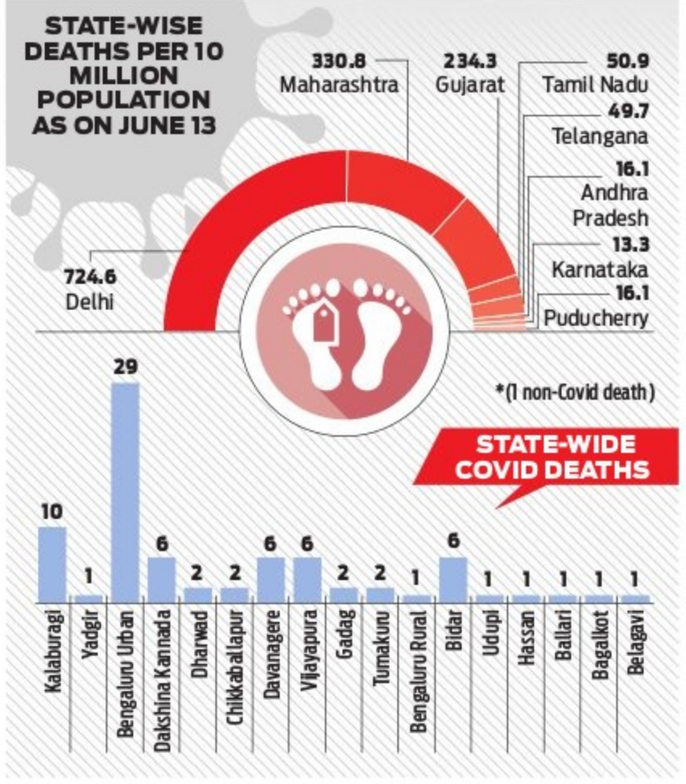
CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU has lost 19 people to Covid-19 in the last 12 days, the youngest being 23-year-old who passed away on Friday. The state health department bulletin shows that of the 81 people who have died in the state, 29 are from the city.

While the death monitoring committee is yet to analyse the spurt in deaths in the city, medical experts said that they are due to late reporting, SARI/ILI cases, late referrals, self-medication and severe comorbidities, mainly diabetes and obesity.

"From what we have observed till four days ago, the mortality has been among patients aged above 60 and those who reported late to hospitals. Many have ignored symptoms assuming it to be a common cold. Private hospitals should have immediately reported and sent such patients for testing," said Dr Sachidanand S, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, and head of the death monitoring committee.

Interestingly, more women than men in the 40-49 and 60-69 age group have died. According to the BBMP war room data, "In the 40 to 49 age group, four females and one male have died. The 60-69 age group has seen seven deaths of women and six men. Five people aged between 50 and 59 years have died, and of them one was a woman. Three men in the 30-39 age group and one man in the 20-29 years have died,"



STATE'S MORTALITY RATE LOW: SUDHAKAR

Raichur: The Covid-19 recovery rate has improved significantly in Karnataka in the last few days, said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar in Raichur on Saturday. Chairing a meeting with district officials on the steps taken to prevent the spread of the virus, Sudhakar said that of the 6,516 positive cases in the state, 3,440 have recovered - 52.8 %. A total of 79 people have died due from Covid-19, and the state's mortality rate is 1.2 per cent, while the national figure is 28 per cent. The recovery rate in Karnataka is 52 per cent, while it is 49.8 per cent at the national level, the minister pointed out. "There is no need to panic as of the total 2,995 active cases in the state, 2,531 patients have no symptoms.

Dr Nagaraja C, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, said, "Age doesn't matter. SARI and ILI cases are the main culprits. In Bengaluru, because of the lifestyle, there are more cases of obesity, high BP, diabetes and lung issues which are also factors," he said.

Late reporting too is an issue, he said, adding, "They go to private hospitals before coming to Covid-designated facilities. Some of them have been brought dead or have died the same day of admission."

In Udupi district, which has recorded 1,005 cases but seen only one death, doctors treating Covid patients there said the success is due to three reasons. "First, the district administration is proactive and is conducting aggressive testing. Second, case management in designated hospitals was based on clinical category. All symptomatic and vulnerable patients were treated at Dr TMA Pai Hospital Udupi, which is a hospital of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). Though it's a private hospital, the treatment was free. Allocation of clinical expertise, manpower and resources was unhindered," said Dr Shashikiran Umakanth, Prof and Head, Department of Medicine, Nodal Officer, Covid-19, Dr TMA Pai Hospital, Manipal.

He explained that in Bengaluru, there is all possibility of a community spread as there are more cases without travel history. "There should be a blanket rule that all private clinics and doctors should look for symptoms like fever, chills, and breathlessness and treat all such patients as Covid cases. Such patients should be referred to fever clinics," he said.

TAKING STOCK

Ahead of PM meet, BSY to review Covid-19 situation

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AHEAD of his video-conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will, on Monday, review the Covid-19 situation and measures taken to revive the economy.

The PM will be interacting with chief ministers on Tuesday and Wednesday to review measures taken to contain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and steps taken boost the economy. The video-conference with the CMs of 15 states including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat and Rajasthan, is scheduled at 4 pm on Wednesday.

Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar said they will have clarity on issues to be discussed during Wednesday's video-conference after the Chief Minister's meeting with senior officers.

On Monday, the CM is expected to review measures taken to contain the spread of Covid-19, facilities to treat positive patients and implementation of economic measures announced by the State and Central Governments. There has been a sudden surge in number of positive cases, specially after the influx of migrant workers returning from high-prevalence states like Maharashtra.

On Saturday, 308 new cases were reported in the state, taking the total number to 6,824, including 81 deaths. Though a majority of those who tested positive recently are asymptomatic and 3,648 people have already been discharged from hospitals, the sudden spurt in numbers is a cause for concern. Districts that had not reported a single positive case till early May, witnessed a sudden spike after inter-state travel was allowed.

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T M Vijay Bhaskar, Chief Secretary

SAD AFFAIRS

One held, eight booked for attacking Covid warriors

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DESPITE a stringent law to protect Asha workers and other Corona Warriors from attacks by the public, such incidents continue to be reported from across the state.

In the latest incident from Maranhol village in Belagavi taulk, a Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) and other officials were allegedly attacked by eight people, including four under institutional quarantine. Following a complaint, the Kakati police booked a case against eight people and arrested Bharama Patil from the village.

The four who are in quarantine will be arrested after they complete their quarantine period, while the search is on for three others who escaped.

Twenty-four people, who had returned to the village from Mumbai on May 15 and 16, were kept in institutional quarantine at a government school in the village. Among them, 10 tested positive for Covid-19. As a precautionary measure, officials quarantined 22 others, who were primary and secondary contacts of the infected persons.

When task force members went to collect throat swabs, the quarantined persons raised objection. When officials tried to convince them, the villagers, both men and women, attacked the officials, tore their clothes and pelted them with stones. Hosa Vantamuri Gram Panchayat Development Officer Prashant Munavalli, village accountant Prashant Nesaragi and staff of the health and family welfare departments were injured in the incident.

Belagavi Tahsildar RK Kulkarni, Taluk Medical Officer Sanjeev Dummagol and Police Inspector Shrishail Koujalagi visited the village. Police personnel have been deployed in the village.

Bengaluru patient youngest male to die in state

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THE state recorded the death of its youngest male patient, a 23-year-old from Bengaluru Urban, on Saturday. Earlier, the youngest female patient to die was a 17-year-old girl from Kalaburgi. With this, the Covid toll stood at 81 and the number of new positives at 308 cases. The total tally now stands at 6,824. Of the 308 new positive cases reported, 208 are interstate passengers. The total discharges are 209.

Of the three deaths on Saturday, two were from Bengaluru Urban. The 23-year-old male patient, who was diagnosed with ILI, complained of fever, vomiting and headache. He was also suffering from diabetes. He was admitted on June 9 at a private hospital and later shifted to the designated hospital on June 11. He died on Friday. Another case was of a 62-year-old male, who had ILI symptoms and asthma, was admitted on June 11. He died on Saturday. Another case was from Dharwad of a 70-year-old male, who had returned from Maharashtra and complained of breathlessness. He died on Friday.

Kalaburagi, the district with the highest number of cases at 883, recorded 67 new cases on Saturday. Of them, 65 cases were of returnees from Maharashtra. Yadgir recorded 52 cases, who were all Maharashtra returnees and Bidar with 42 cases had 41 Maharashtra returnees.

Bengaluru Urban had 31 cases, Dakshina Kannada 30 cases, Dharwad 20 cases, Udupi 14, Hassan and Ballari 11 cases each, Vijayapura had six positives, and Uttara Kannada and Raichur five cases each. Kolar had four cases, while Mandya and Haveri reported two cases each. Mysuru, Bagalkote and Ramanagara reported one case each.

People get past barricades put up to seal the market area in Kengeri, after it was declared a containment zone | SHRIRAM BN

Contacts of mentally-ill patient test +ve

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A 34-year-old mentally-ill patient requiring emergency medical care was brought to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) from Gurupanpalya containment zone on June 5. The woman tested positive for Covid-19, after which many hospital staffers were quarantined. Now, there are six staffers, who were in contact with the patient, who have tested positive.

On Saturday, NIMHANS officials confirmed that six female staffers tested postive. "Six people have tested positive. They are among those who were quarantined and who had come in contact with the patient who had tested positive earlier. Two are security guards and four are Swachhta workers," said a NIMHANS professor. The professor added that about 36 people were quarantined in total, and out of them, six have tested positive and the rest have tested negative.

"They were 13 patients and 36 staffers who were catergorised as high-risk contacts. However, six results came out positive and were shifted to Victoria Hospital, four were swachhta workers and two security guards."

There are two patients who are 46 years old, one 51-year-old, one 29-year-old, one 28-year-old and a 40-year-old.

COVID WATCH

DyCM reassures Kannadigas in Oz, says nothing to worry back home

Bengaluru: Addressing the Kannada-speaking population in Australia during a video-conference organised by Kannada Sangha, Melbourne, Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan promised the non-residential Kannadigas there that the central and state governments had taken all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the people. While admitting that the number of cases had surged, the minister said it was due to relaxation of rules on inter-state and inter-district travel. However, he said the government had been tackling the issue effectively. He apprised them of the measures the Centre had taken to cater to the needs of the citizens and the revival of the economy. **ENS**

SWR manufactures 2,252 PPEs for health workers, to scale up

Bengaluru: In line with a directive issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the South Western Railway Zone has manufactured 2,252 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) coveralls for the protection of medical and healthcare personnel. SWR in a release said, "SWR has started the manufacture of high quality PPE coverall equipment from April 21 and has so far manufactured 2,252. The workshops at Hubballi and Mysuru have successfully replicated the coveralls. " These will be used for railway doctors who will treat Covid-19 patients at Divisional Railway Hospitals in Bengaluru, Mysuru and at Central Hospital in Hubballi, it said. The production will be scaled up, with the workshops targeting 8,400 coveralls in next two months. **ENS**

SARI, ILI cases see a three-fold rise in a week, weather change plays key role

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

THE number of Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza Like Illness(ILI) cases has seen a three-fold rise in just one week, as per the State data. Experts say that such cases are going to surge with the weather change. And the new worrying factor is that these patients are at a greater risk for Covid-19, especially the ones who are diagnosed late.

The Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) which was treating Covid-19 patients before Victoria Hospital was named the designated hospital, has now been checking on SARI and ILI cases. And the doctors there state that there has been a spike in the cases since the past one week. Earlier, the hospital would see 20 cases per day, which has increased to about 60 this week.

Dr C Nagaraj, Director of RGICD, said, "The cases have definitely gone high. Many people have been showing both SARI and ILI symptoms. We have also been seeing positive cases. We have 100 isolation beds where the patients are kept until their samples come. The surge in cases can be attributed to the weather change. Also people are more aware now and coming forward to report if they have any symptoms. We have a group of seven-eight dedicated doctors dealing with these cases."

"A majority are younger adults between 20 and 40 and patients above 60 years. We can expect to see more cases due to the onset of monsoon. And people need to take all precautionary measures and stay safe," he added.

Dr Mohan, Medical Superintendent of KC General Hospital, said, "We have seen a 15% increase in the number of SARI and ILI cases since the last few of days. However, many people have tested negative. But people are coming for checkup knowing the symptoms. And we can expect more patients coming in due to drop in temperatures in the evening which might result in influenza cases. We have dedicated beds and our staff is keeping a tab on every case, especially high-risk patients."

So far according to state war room data, out of the 6,824 total cases, 134 have been attributed to ILI cases and 93 to SARI.

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Chief of Clinical Services at Manipal Hospitals and member of Clinical Care Support Team said, "In monsoons we usually see a slight increase in ILI component. This is seen as a season variation and we can expect an increase in such cases. But it is important to differentiate between Covid-19 positive patients and the ones who are not. The persons who are at high risk and those from containment zones should get tested immediately if they have any such symptoms and not attribute it to weather change."

A doctor working at BIMS Hospital in Belagavi walks through a disinfectant tunnel after attending to patients in the Covid-19 ward, on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Chennai Police seized eight bottles of liquor and two crates of beer from a car belonging to actor Ramya Krishnan, from the East Coast Road on Thursday. "Vehicles coming from Mahabalipuram towards Chennai were being stopped and searched on Thursday," the police said.

Kerala's Covid norm for flyers kicks up row

State's revised rules suggest that Gulf returnees who have tested negative will be allowed on chartered flights

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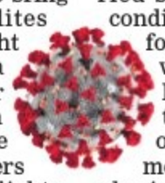
@T'Puram

THE state government's revised norm, that only passengers who have tested negative for Covid-19 should be brought from the Middle East to the state through chartered flights, has kicked up a row.

The state's change of stance on expatriates came to light after a letter was issued by Norka Secretary K Ellangovan to an applicant who was initially given a consent letter to bring back stranded Keralites through a chartered flight to the state. The Norka secretary in his letter said the insistence on negative test certificate for Covid-19 for passengers in private chartered flights from the Middle East will come into effect from June 20.



"A test certificate to that effect (negative) should be carried by the passenger. This condition applies to all flights for which consent letters were issued earlier," Ellangovan said in the letter. Later, on the advice of the Health Department, another norm was also introduced that the Covid-19 test result should have been obtained not more than 48 hours prior to the time of departure, he said.

Principal Secretary (Norka) K Ellangovan said the state has insisted on the new norm in the wake of increased chance of cross-infection during the flight. The official said the overall infection rate among expatriates from the Middle East countries has risen to 3%. The rate further increases to as high as six per cent upon arrival in Kerala.

Union Minister V Muraleedharan termed the new norm as 'impractical'. He said no other state has insisted on such a condition and added that it amounts to cruelty towards expatriates. He said that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar do not conduct tests on asymptomatic people. So even if an expatriate wants to get tested in these countries, it will not be possible, he said.

SWR's delayed Ro-Ro service to start soon

Ramp being readied near Solapur Railway Station in Maharashtra to facilitate the Ro-Ro service between Nelamangala and Solapur | EXPRESS

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE first Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) service of South Western Railway Zone, aimed at carrying 43 trucks between Nelamangala in Bengaluru Rural to Solapur in Maharashtra, is yet to begin two months after it was proposed.

Initially, there were concerns over low-hanging overhead electrical wires. But later, the construction of a ramp to park trucks on the train held up the launch.

The train will cover 682 km between Nelamangala and Bale in Solapur in six days and the project was cleared by the Railway Board on April 2.

Shivaji Suttur, Chief Public Relations Officer, Central Railway, said, "A ramp is being readied now and operations will start once it is ready."

Udayshankar Patil of Jitendra Realty and Infrastructure Private Limited, the freight aggregator for the scheme, said that the ramp and a road are being constructed by the company. "The ramp will be in place in eight to 10 days. We are also constructing a road on the premises of Solapur station," he said.

Since the area fell within a red zone in Maharashtra, there were difficulties in completing the road. "There is a lot of demand to transport goods and bookings will begin once we are ready," he added.

Yogendra Sharma, who prepared the Detailed Project Report, said, "Reduction of road traffic and reduction in fuel consumption are major benefits. Since the train carries the truck, it is a door-to-door delivery of goods," he said.

Chief PRO, SWR, E Vijaya said, "The construction of ramp to facilitate loading has commenced now."

12 tons of footwear cleared from beach

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

TWELVE tons of footwear that washed ashore along the 200-metre stretch of Kodi beach has been cleared by volunteers of Clean Kundapur Project over seven Sundays.

Volunteers regularly conduct cleaning drives at the beach every Sunday and they have already completed 60 such campaigns.

Bharath Bangera, a volunteer from the group, said that they have gone beyond picking up trash and have collected each item in a systematic way to identify ways to eliminate ocean trash. "We are working with the Reef Watch Marine Conservation, an NGO, to assess waste. It shows that there is a dire need for a proper disposal system, especially of plastic items, chappals and bottles. Turtles and other marine species get entangled in plastic and die," he said.

Around 30-40 volunteers cleaned the beach on Sundays and the pile of footwear that was collected, along with plastic bottles, will send out a message to the people on the need for conservation.

Police officials join hands in the cleaning drive at Kodi beach in Kundapur | EXPRESS

A marine biologist, Ashna Abhi, helped the group weigh the trash. The volunteers also collected half-a-ton of glass bottles, 167 kg plastic waste and 13 kg electronic waste. The waste was handed over to local authority for its scientific disposal.

TikTok a new threat to wildlife

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN the past two months, the state forest department along with Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and conservationists has nabbed around 50 people for uploading wildlife abuse videos on social media, especially TikTok.

A team of forest officials has been formed to track down people who use social media to upload videos where they abuse or mistreat animals. Both WCCB and forest department have approached TikTok, seeking help in identifying such offenders. A meeting was held at the forest department office on this issue on Friday.

"Snakes, monkeys, civet cats, wild boars, porcupines, partridges, parrots, monitor lizards, hares and others are used as props to record and upload videos. The youth and the unemployed are mostly

A screenshot from a TikTok video shows a man carrying a wild boar on his shoulders | EXPRESS

posting such videos. Investigations revealed that traditionally they used to hunt, but since it is banned and popularity on social media is considered important, they are resolving to such methods," an investigating forest official told *TNIE*.

The committee scans all social media platforms and interacts with informants, who perform recces to confirm the cases. The police, cyber cell and local administration are working closely to nab the violators. Since most of the videos are made with species belonging to Schedule-4 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, evidence needs to be strong and all angles have to be probed.

"During investigation, we found that they use hunter dogs, especially Mudhol hounds, to look for animals hiding in burrows. Shovels are used to get them out and they are kept in spiky cages. In some videos, we found animals to be entangled in metal snares. Since it is a combination of old and new practices, we are using all methods to nab them. Since the lockdown, such cases have increased," the official added.

TANK YOU!

Worker on water mission wears same shirt for 3 years

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THIS MGNREGA worker did not change his shirt for nearly three years. Not because of any superstition. His mission was to get a 21-acre tank sanctioned for his village in Belagavi district. He was so committed that he vowed not to change his shirt to remind him of his mission every single day. After running from pillar to post, he finally succeeded and he changed his shirt only after 1,035 days.

Jyotiba Manawadkar (48), the farmer-turned-MGNREGA worker, made it his mission to get the tank which will help irrigate 3,000 acres of land. Currently, farmers in his village depend on the monsoon.

Hailing from Handiganur, around 16km from Belagavi. Jyotiba, a tenth passout, has 35 guntas of land where he grows groundnut and potato. He stays with his wife and three children. There are some 350 to 400 MGNREGA workers in his panchayat.

JYOTIBA MANAWADKAR

It all started in 2015 when the workers in Handiganur were given work for one year in their panchayat limits. These workers would walk and go to their work place. But later, they were given work at Ambewadi and Halaga, which were quite far from their village. They had to spend some Rs 25 to Rs 30 on a tempo to travel to their work place.

"After working for an entire day, spending our hard-earned money on the tempo was something we could ill afford. I thought the tank project would help MGNREGA workers. That's when I spoke to our villagers to see if any government land was available in our panchayat limits. After doing some ground work, I got the information that there was 43.3 acres of land," he said.

Jyotiba approached Gautam Bagadi, CEO of Belagavi Zilla Panchayat, who suggested a special Grama Sabha. The village body passed a resolution to construct a tank at Handiganur. But later nothing happened. "A local officer did not send the resolution copy to the Zilla Panchayat office for further approval. I hired a tempo, along with 25 MGNREGA workers and gave a memorandum and the resolution copies to the Taluk and Zilla panchayats, the Tahsildhar and the Deputy Commissioner. Again nothing happened," he said.

And he became the butt of jokes in his village. "In March 2017, I decided not to wear a new shirt till the tank work was sanctioned. I would wear the shirt the entire day, wash it in the night and again wear it the next morning. I did this almost for three years. The collar and sleeves were torn and buttons broken. I would patch it up and wear it. I went to government offices wearing the same shirt several times and some employees there would make fun of me and my shirt. I was not ashamed. All All I wanted was to get the work sanctioned," he said.

"On January 24, I got a call from MLA Satish Jarkiholi's office saying that the government has approved to construct a tank in my place. I was having my dinner and along with the plate I started dancing with joy. After a couple of days, I went to Jarkiholi's place to thank him. "The MLA got me a brand new shirt costing Rs 1,200, the costliest shirt I have," he said.

The foundation-laying ceremony was scheduled on March 30, but was postponed due to the outbreak of the pandemic.

Govt will save ₹400cr: Min

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"WE will get revenue through rent and ₹400 crore, which we are paying annually will be a saving for us," Minister Basavaraj said.

The scheme was started in Bengaluru in August 2017 and later extended to other districts. At present, there are 194 Indira Canteens in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits, including mobile canteens, and another 184 across the state. At these canteens, breakfast is served for Rs 5, while lunch and dinner is available for Rs 10. Catering contractors took over the operations after bidding for anywhere between Rs 58 and Rs 62 per day (breakfast and meals included) of which Rs 25 is paid by the customer and the remainder Rs 33 to Rs 35 is borne by the government.

The Indira Canteen was the brainchild of the then Chief Minister Siddaramaih. The first one was inauguarted by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in 2017. When Yediyurappa became CM last year, there was proposal to change the name to Annapoorna canteen, but it was later dropped.

Issue will be discussed with CM, says minister

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MANDYA District in-charge Minister Narayana Gowda said the Authority's directive has caused apprehension among the farming community. The issue will be discussed with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, as any move to release water will badly affect farmers, he said. "We are not against implementing the Authority's decision if there is heavy rain in the catchment areas. But in this time of distress, we will have to review release of water," he added.

Though Baghamandala in Kodagu, the birthplace of river Cauvery, received 36 inches of rain, as against the normal of 20 inches, between January and May this year, the showers were uneven across the catchment areas and in Mysuru and Mandya districts, sources in the Met department said. However, over the last few weeks, Tamil Nadu has received about 2 tmcft of runoff water after rains in the basin areas and lower streams in Mysuru, Bengaluru and Mandya region, the sources pointed out.

Karnataka Sugarcane Gowers' Association president Kurbur Shantha Kumar said Karnataka's officials should have made a proper presentation regarding the ground situation. "How can the state give 40 tmcft of water when it has less than 32 tmcft in its Cauvery basin reservoirs?" he asked. "This will only add to confusion and create tensions between the riparian states. The Karnataka Government should make its stand clear," he stressed.

KRRS leader Nanjunde Gowda said that releasing water in the pre-monsoon period is suicidal and observed that no government in the past has done so. "Water release should be based on the inflow and reservoir levels, and not on a monthly basis as decided by the tribunal. What will Karnataka do with the surplus water once the reservoirs are full?" he remarked.

Farmers' leaders blamed the state officials for failing to apprise the authorities regarding the ground situation, the current water level, inflows and the plight of farmers. Some even argued that there is no urgency to meet the demand as the Mettur reservoir has 66.53 ft of water as against maximum storage of 93 ft, which is enough to meet the needs of TN farmers.

The farmer's organisations have also decided to prevail upon the State Government to take up the issue with the Cauvery Water Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER

"Development is possible only through education"
- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Sri Govind M. Karjol, Deputy Chief Minister, interacting with students

- For the educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Social Welfare Department is maintaining Hostels and disbursing scholarships to eligible students.
- e-Governance Department, GOK has developed a unified State Scholarship Portal (SSP) to bring the scholarship programmes of Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare, Technical Education and Medical Education under one umbrella.
- During 2019-20, applications were invited from the eligible SC/ST students for the post-matric scholarship through the SSP. About 3,17,250 Scheduled Caste students and 1,14,676 Scheduled Tribe students applied for the scholarships through this portal.
- The Department has initiated Fee Reimbursement to the students of PUC, Diploma, G.T.T.C, Paramedical, D. Pharmacy and Engineering course. An amount of Rs. 59.46 Crores has been sanctioned to 1,18,510 Scheduled Caste students and Rs. 49.01 Crores has been sanctioned to 1,07,856 Scheduled Tribe students respectively.
- **There is no dearth of funds for sanctioning the scholarship. Sanctioning of scholarship has been delayed due to development of new State Scholarship Portal (SSP). Shortly Scholarships for the year 2019-20 will be sanctioned to educational institutions and also SC and ST students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).**
- **Educational Institutions should allow students to appear for the 2019-20 exams and should not force the students to pay the fees as the same shall be reimbursed by the Government.**
- **All educational institutions shall give admissions to professional and other courses to eligible SC/ST students for the year 2020-21 without demanding the fee from the students as the same shall be reimbursed by the Government.**

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If you don't have music, you have silence. There is power in both

Joan Baez

QUESTION OF INTEREST: AFTER MORATORIUM WHAT?

Will there be interest on deferred payment of interest? he pertinent question on policy punctiliousness is the subject of deliberation in the Supreme Court hearing a petition on the scheme of the six-month government moratoria on loans, which allows borrowers a pause on repayments. The question, the government counsel clarified, would be answered on June 17.

The critical and unstated question is whether loans taken when the economy was growing at around 5 per cent can be serviced when the economy is expected to contract/shrink by 5.2 per cent. As of now, the fog of the COVID-19 war is providing cover to borrowers and lenders. But the tenure of moratorium will come to an end soon — the causes of delay and default may vary but the impact will be similar. The silent eloquence of the question and the circumstance is haunting financial institutions and, therefore, economies the world over. The issue of 'what after the moratoriums end' assumes centrality as politicos and regimes hurry to put the pandemic behind and economies back on the rails — even as the unlocking of economies is trapped between ifs and buts of cases and conditionalities.

THE THIRD EYE

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It may be seductive to buy into the seductive punt of the stock markets — which seem to be choosing to buy into futures beyond the valley of shadows. But the optics of optimism is in stark contrast to reality reflected in forecasts by the World Bank, the IMF, the RBI, the OECD and the US Federal Reserve Board, of economies eviscerating.

John Locke introduced the world to the construct of the law of unintended consequences — the fate that frequently follows policies which deliver perverse outcomes. The pandemic has introduced the world and the Indian economy, particularly, to the law of unattended causes. In theory, the time under lockdown allows regimes to build capacity. The theory is in suspended animation — and this is illustrated by the incapacity of governments to bridge the gap in health care, in bed capacities in Delhi, Mumbai and elsewhere in the world.

Moratoriums, credit backstops and payroll bailouts are essentially a lock down on economic consequences. They are meant to afford regimes to pave a way out of the pandemic for economies. But paving blocks are scarcely in place. Analysts in the US and the EU are predicting an apocalypse of sorts in the home mortgages — the filing for bankruptcy by Hertz signals trouble for asset-based securities. In the emerging economies, small and medium enterprises are the worst hit — caught in the double whammy of demand and supply shocks.

The India Story is one of aggravations stemming out of the legacy of pendency. We know from epidemiologists that pre-existing conditions adds vulnerability. Non-bank finance companies, the last mile capillaries which keep Indian entrepreneurship alive, are stranded between liquidity and insolvency — the case history of IL&FS and DHFL, pending resolution for over two years, with over ₹2 lakh crore outstanding, illustrate the level of sloth. The pandemic has worsened their state. Roughly a third of the loans of private lenders and two-thirds of public sector banks are under the government moratorium. As sectors struggle to open up and find demand, the flow of EMIs will depend on whether the borrower has jobs and that of instalments on viability of businesses. Arguably not all the loans will flail but what if even a third of the 30 per cent fail? Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly ₹10 lakh crore of bank loans were defined as stressed loans and the NPAs of NBFCs is estimated at around ₹3 lakh crore. Do the math to appreciate the magnitude.

The financial sector is essentially a web of carefully crocheted connectedness. Public savings flow into financial instruments — deposits, bonds and mutual funds — in the quest of returns. These are channelled into the credit markets for the borrower to access for a fee. Loss of jobs will shutter growth in retail credit outfits. Failing enterprises will cause a cascade of consequences — those who can't pay banks/lenders are unlikely to pay vendors who are mostly medium and small enterprises. The MSMEs will be constrained in their ability to service their loans. The silt accumulating downstream will affect savers access to savings.

It is instructive to appreciate that while the moratorium of payment is available for borrowers, there is no pause available for institutions which borrow to lend. Banks, NBFCs and funds, which keep the credit cycle running and are strapped for liquidity, must assure encashment of deposits, bonds and investments. The systemic risk posed by the gap in the credit cycle left unattended calls for urgent action — a special programme to recapitalise banks, a plan to ring fence stressed loans to insulate the gears that keep the economy moving. The challenge in India is greater than in developed economies. Elsewhere central banks opened their vaults to fund the liquidity gap purchasing even downgraded bonds and governments have expanded stimulus programmes to preserve jobs and prime growth. India's stimulus announcements may have flattered but have flailed and fumbled in addressing faultlines. It is time to dump presumptions of the past. India needs a new budget — a plan to curb expenditure, raise resources and revive the India Story.

INDIRA: THE EVIL AND THE GOOD

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

I spent an hour with Indira Gandhi last week. She was at her photogenic best, looking confident, well-groomed, and attractive. She kept a camera-conscious smile all the time, though there were moments when uncomfortable questions were thrown at her and she had to make an effort to look composed. It was a 1978 television interview with the BBC's Jonathan Dimbleby — a year after the infamous Emergency during which she and her son Sanjay Gandhi brought India under their dictatorship.

It was clear that Indira agreed to the interview because of the magical aura of the Dimbleby name. The present generation may be unaware of what that surname meant. During the Indira years, the BBC had more influence in India than it has today and no BBC name was more awe-inspiring than Dimbleby. For three generations that name had dominated the glamour associated with the BBC. Richard Dimbleby, who ran a programme called Panorama, had the popularity of a film star and the status of a political messiah. He pioneered the television interview style that combined politeness with toughness. His sons David and Jonathan Dimbleby continued that tradition with great competence. David's son Henry Dimbleby took it to the next generation. A remarkable family record.

The Indira interview by Jonathan Dimbleby was notable for the thoroughness of the homework he had done and for the manner in which Indira defended herself. He brought out the ruthlessness of her two-year Emergency, from imprisonment of political opponents to the scandalous sterilisation programme supervised by Sanjay Gandhi. Young and old were lined up to be surgically rendered incapable of reproduction. It was Sanjay Gandhi's idea of solving India's population problem.

In the Dimbleby interview, Indira justified everything she did. There wasn't even a hint that perhaps this or that could have been done in a different way. The premise on which things were justified was, as she explained, opponents were committed to the policy of "if we cannot win by the ballet, we shall win by the bullet." If she had not taken a firm stand against such desperate opponents, she said, "India would not have survived."

That is the kind of self-serving justification all autocrats find for their abuse of democracy. It is a pity that a shrewd political tactician like Indira did not understand that people's feelings were hurt by her Emergency rule. In the 1977 election that followed the Emergency, the Congress party lost control of India for the first time since Independence. It is a different matter that the hastily concocted Janata Party alliance fell by the wayside with Morarji Desai's eccentricities and Chandra Sekhar's personal ambitions turning the whole thing into a circus.

Indira did have a strong democratic instinct within her. Maybe the Nehru family tradition had something to do with it, although it is fashionable these days to dismiss Nehru as an inconsequential figure. It must be that inherited instinct that led her to announce a general election when she could have just as well continued with the convenient Emergency. Clearly she wanted the stamp of popular approval for her rule. It must have been a surprise to her that people declined to act as rubber stamps.

> The stuff of greatness was in her, but so was the pull of smallness. The smallness could not even be camouflaged. In Shakespearian terms, the evil she did lived after her, the good was interred with her bones

Perhaps the best example of Indira taking the public for granted was her claim that pre-censorship was abandoned because the press began self-censorship. It was an enforced self-censorship. No report on Tihar jail was permitted. Can we imagine the press doing it on its own? Film star Nargis was arrested in London on a shoplifting charge. Reports on this were ordered to be blacked out. Indira saw nothing wrong in such things. She sincerely believed that she never lost the support of the people. As she saw it, people were simply misled by her opponents. The real tragedy was not her losing popularity, but her conviction that no popularity loss occurred. Coomi Kapoor's "The Emergency: A Personal History" provides quite a few revealing sidelights.

Maybe it was her insecurity that spoiled what could have been a life of triumph. And the contradictions in her. She would dote on her spoiled son Sanjay — and turn violently angry against Sanjay's wife Maneka, throwing her luggage out of the house in full view of the world. She loved sycophants including those who shouted the disgraceful slogan "India is Indira." The stuff of greatness was in her, but so was the pull of smallness. The smallness could not even be camouflaged. In Shakespearian terms, the evil she did lived after her, the good was interred with her bones.

VOTE POLITICS: BIOLOGY IN BLACK, BROWN & WHITE

POWER & POLITICS

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Identity of birth deepens desperate divisions in humanity. Blacks vs. Whites, Christian vs. non-believers, Hindus vs. Muslims and anti-Semitism are the current proteins of power and hate. America is reeling under the twin attacks of COVID-19 and racial riots following the brutal death of George Floyd, an out-of-work black man, at the hands of police. Power during the 2020 US Presidential election will not flow from the ballot boxes alone. Knee bending—whether it is on Times Square or Minneapolis—will influence the verdict.

While bigotry has been the monopoly of fundamentalists, the fake liberal elite survive and thrive on the principle of Divide and Rule. For the past decade, left liberals have been losing political space to right wing nationalists. From New York to New Delhi, neo internationalists are losing the battle for votes and the war of words to aggressive neo-nationalists. It began with the explosive entry of Narendra Modi as the most powerful mascot of nationalism and Hindutva. He mauled the might of the Global Liberal Army. Two years later, Donald Trump bulldozed the entire Left wing political establishment that ruled America. Both Trump and Modi have been under constant fire from the losers. However, Trump is both their prime target and symbol of racial supremacy, immature diplomacy and crass politics. The fault lies with him alone.

A man who was voted to power to 'Make America Great Again' has become the destroyer of everything that the most powerful democracy on earth stands for. Trump's victory changed the way the rest of the world perceived economics, politics and religion. But he spoke too much and too out of turn, parking his foot permanently in his mouth. America will choose its next President in November. By painting Trump as a bigoted, anti-democratic, corrupt, cowardly and weak leader in speeches and campaign videos, liberals are determined to assert and rediscover their lost power base. For the past couple of weeks, the US, the fount of Liberalism and Liberty, is on fire. Arsonists have unleashed terror and violence in major cities on the pretext of protest against Floyd's killing. Never before has a murder been turned into an opportunity to celebrate. Rarely has such a heinous crime been used to purvey and promote ideology. President Trump was the obvious target. He has been behaving less like a President and more like a street pugilist looking for an opportunity to kayo critics as anti-American.

Floyd became the boilerplate black American victim of blood thirsty cops and gun-toting white supremacists. His death is now the pivotal point of the Democrat-Republican standoff. Though numerous prominent white leaders did condemn the killing and Trump's behaviour, they refrained from painting it in binary colours. Democrats, backed by the liberals, are treating blacks as their vote bank and not as citizens deprived of basic rights and better standards of living even under their own regimes. They use "Black Lives Matter" to polarise the Presidential elections.

The new crop of Democratic leaders lacks a sense of history. In April 1968, the worst riots raged throughout America after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. The arson and violence was more destructive than now. But neither party politicised the tragedy. Robert F. Kennedy made an emotional speech to defuse the situation saying "For those of you who are black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust at the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man." He withdrew from the presidential contest as a courtesy to his conscience. Two months later, a Palestinian assassinated him.

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However, many pro-white leaders in the US have been talking the language of revenge against the blacks. For example, George Wallace, a former Democratic Governor of Alabama, during his campaign in 1967 quoted the then Miami Police Chief Walter Headley, "When the looting starts, the shooting starts." On May 20, Trump tweeted the quote, and came under fire. Democrats backed by wealthy and well-connected Washington visionaries have joined hands to dictate the electoral narrative. American liberals, including many Indians, have concluded that only divisive politics based on community and religion can yield rich dividends. They see Floyd as a black man and not an American who was denied his right to live with dignity.

White extremists in America have butchered many black Floyds. But no one mourns his or her death. However, for Floyd, leaders like Canadian Prime Minister and top politicians in various capitals have bent their knee. It seems they've picked up a few leaves from the book of Indian liberals. For decades, Indian illiberals have been dividing people along caste, community and religion. They hate to call everyone an Indian. The unnatural death of any human being is handled according to his name. Ali gets a different treatment than Ram, Singh or David. Many past elections have been fought on division of votes rather than unity of purpose and mission.

The Divisiveness pandemic has travelled to many democracies that have lost their original demographic contours. Europe, America and the United Kingdom are no more dominated by Caucasians. Immigrants from African and Asian countries in various parts of the world have acquired decisive say in the outcome of elections. For the past few decades, liberals have taken up the cause of Muslims in Europe and influenced policies. When terror's calamitous colour turned green, nationalists rode to power. In England and Canada, every political party has to accommodate the interests of non-white minorities. In a world dominated by markets and money, the ballot bazaar is consolidating around Minority vs. Majority instead of a competitive battle between better and the best. In prejudice's political petri dish, biology influences history with the genealogy of irascible ideologies.

QUOTE CORNER

I feel like we are so divided right now and it doesn't feel comforting from leadership. I feel a lot of times the black community does not feel heard. People are crying out and we want to be heard, we want to be seen, and we want change to happen.

Allyson Felix, US sprinter and three-time world champion

I find it extraordinary that millions and millions of people all over the world who look up to Britain will be astonished that a statue of Churchill and the Cenotaph, our national war memorial, could have been defaced in this disgusting way

Nicholas Soames, former UK prime minister Winston Churchill's grandson

More than 30 of the 41 UN-supported programmes in Yemen will close in the coming weeks if additional funds are not secured. Now, more than ever, the country needs the outside world's help, and it's not really getting it

Rupert Colville, UN human rights spokesperson

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What's in a name?

As though changing names of places in the State is a pressing priority, the Tamil Nadu government issued a G.O. renaming towns. The Madras High Court should quash it as unnecessary and ill-timed. When the State is reeling under COVID-19 with infection spreading thick and fast, the aim should be to contain it and provide medical treatment to the infected free of cost, both to the laity and the learned. The government seems to be oblivious to William Shakespeare's quote, "What's in a name?"

KPradeep, Chennai

Talking through the hat

It's good that Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal has reversed Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's decision that all private hospitals and state-run hospitals in the national capital would be reserved for 'bonafide' residents of Delhi. In 2016, Kejriwal had undergone a surgery in a Bengaluru hospital. The doctors successfully corrected an anatomical abnormality and he was relieved of the persistent cough that had troubled him for over 40 years. Had the then CM of Karnataka adopted Kejriwal's kind of philosophy, the AAP leader would not have got an opportunity to undergo treatment in Bengaluru. When will our netas stop talking through their hat?

PG Menon, Chennai

Need large Covid hospitals

The Supreme Court has put to shame the health care system in the states having highest number of Covid cases by describing it as horrendous, pathetic and worse than animals. This is the situation when the number of confirmed cases is in thousands. The present health care system would miserably fail beyond description when the number of cases increase to lakhs as Delhi alone is predicted to have 5.50 lakh cases by July 31. The governments must establish more Covid hospitals on a war footing with beds in thousands having appropriate number of oxygen facilities and ICU units to come out of the situation. India can emulate China which had built and made fully functional a 1,000-bed hospital for at Wuhan city in 10 days.

Dr O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Yediyurappa should step down

The selection of two leaders by the BJP national leadership for Rajya Sabha polls from Karnataka overlooking the nominees of state BJP is an indication that Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is not enjoying the full confidence of top echelons in BJP. Yediyurappa is 77 years now and he should vacate the CM's post giving way to a younger leader to take over.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Check prices of fuel

Prices of petrol and diesel are increasing day-by-day. During this critical situation, it is the duty of all responsible Governments to support the people as far as possible instead of showing business mindsets. Seemingly, the Government is doing business to empty the pockets of the people. Prices of esssential commodities meant for the people are also going to increase. Why don't the opposition leaders go for a nation wide agitations over the increasing trend in the prices of oil? Even when prices of crude was much low, the Government never passed the benefits to the people. During the UPA rule, Narendra Modi was telling that the price hikes are because of the wrong policies of the Congress. Whom will the people now blame for the present price hikes?

Mohan Menon, Thrissur

Intolerance a stale subject

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi seems obsessed with the subject of intolerance ever since Modi took over reins of power. Interacting with US diplomat Nicholas Burns, he was flagellating the dead horse of intolerance.He has been losing his sense of proportion over the years by volleying an obsolete and irrelevant subject because it's an untruth he is trumpeting on. His comment can, at best, tarnish India's image in the US and the world at large.

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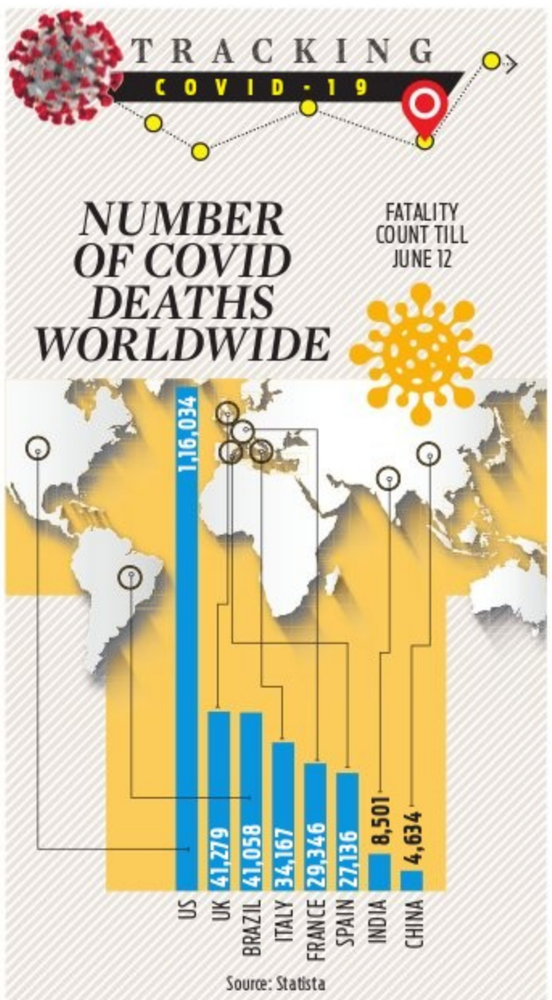
UP CM is talking about getting daily mapping done. Sadly, migrants don't have a place in his map.

— Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, General Secretary, Congress

EXORBITANT AMOUNT

The Bombay HC seeks reply from KJ Somaiya Hospital and Research Centre on a slum-dwellers' plea alleging it charged them exorbitant amount for corona treatment.

113 MORE DEATHS IN MAHARASHTRA



No smell or taste? You could have coronavirus

The Central government revises criteria for disease's symptoms, includes muscle pain and diarrhoea

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

LOSS of smell and taste, diarrhea and muscle pain are among the Covid-19 symptoms people should watch out for even as the Centre on Saturday recommended against the use of anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) for severely sick patients.

Releasing the revised clinical management protocol for Covid 19 patients in India, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said loss of smell (anosmia) or loss of taste (ageusia) preceding the onset of respiratory symptoms could be one of the signs of the disease.

An Indian Council of Medical Research official said the clinical criteria for identifying the disease had been expanded after many Covid-19 patients reported atypical symptoms.

"These symptoms could soon reflect in our testing protocol, which will be further amended," he said of the revised clinical management protocol.

Other than the most common signs such as fever, cough and breathing trouble, muscle pain, mucous formation in throat, clogged nasal cavity, sore throat, diarrhoea and loss of taste and smell have been included among the symptoms.

People over 60 and those with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac disease, chronic lung disease, cerebro-vascular disease, chronic kidney disease, immune-suppression and cancer are among the high risk category, the Ministry said.

The fresh advisory has also dropped antibiotioc azithromycine to be prescribed along with HCQ for serious Covid-19 patients.

The new guidelines admitted that HCQ may not be helping in reducing mortality in very sick patients. Earlier, this drug was specifically recommended for Covid-19 patients in ICU.

"This drug has demonstrated in vitro activity against SARS-CoV-2 and was shown to be clinically beneficial in several small single center studies though with significant limitations," the new advisory said.

An Indian Council of Medical Research official who helped frame the guidelines said the recommendation for azithromycine along with HCQ was dropped as there was increasing evidence that the combination raised cardiac toxicity.

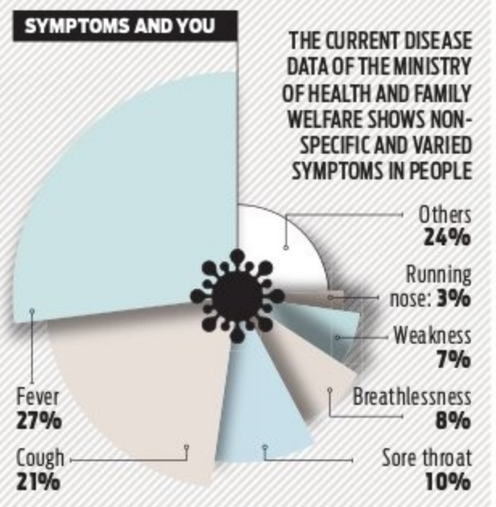
Importantly, the guidelines also allow the off-label usage of the Ebola drug remdesivir, immune-suppressive drug tocilizumab and convalescent plasma for moderately sick patients on compassionate grounds.

Remdesivir is likely to be available in India in a couple of weeks. The advisory said the drug can be used for patients with moderate disease but said the intravenous medicine cannot be given to those with severe kidney disease, pregnant or breastfeeding women and children under 12.

Another drug mentioned in the advisory is tocilizumab, which is already being given to patients. It has been formalised under the new protocol.

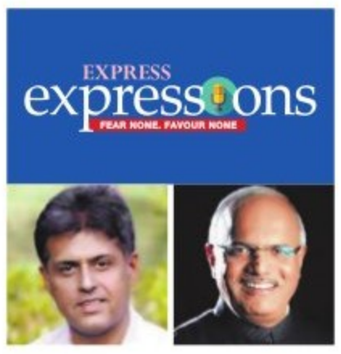
HCQ no wonder drug

The new guidelines admitted that HCQ may not be helping in reducing mortality in very sick patients. Earlier, this drug was specifically recommended for Covid 19 patients in ICU.


SYMPTOMS AND YOU
THE CURRENT DISEASE DATA OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHOWS NON-SPECIFIC AND VARIED SYMPTOMS IN PEOPLE
Others 24%
Running nose: 3%
Weakness 7%
Breathlessness 8%
Sore throat 10%
Fever 27%
Cough 21%

'Centre took everyone on board over Covid'

*Battling Covid-19 crisis, tension along the India-China border and the precarious economic situation, Congress MP **Manish Tewari** feels that people are living in the greatest 'government deficit' and that the BJP-led Centre did not have a thought-out strategy for dealing with the pandemic and economy. However, BJP MP **Vinay Sahasrabuddhe** accused the Opposition of engaging in petty partisan politics while the entire country was standing with PM Modi. Their remarks came during a conversation on 'Why is India divided against a lethal virus' with **Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express**, on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*



Why has pandemic divided India along political lines?

MT: II do not think... There is rarely a division between the Opposition and Centre. All state governments have cooperated with the Centre. They may have some federal concerns but all directives of NDMA, they tried to implement it in letter and spirit. Parties have concerns beginning migrant crisis... wisdom of having lockdown at four-hour notice will be debated in Parliament. Problems started when millions started walking on roads and were mowed down on railway tracks. Why the government was so insensitive, that was inflexion point.

VS: That is a wrong impression created. If you look at the nature of the crisis... we are fighting an invisible enemy. At the same time, we have to walk a tight rope. It's an extraordinary difficult situation. On the one hand, the country was standing behind the PM, but some Opposition parties, including the Congress, are engaged in petty partisan politics. The Centre took everyone on board, but these voices created a sorry state of affairs.

Why is the Opposition not taken into confidence on national issues like tension with China and Nepal?

MT: What is happening on the borders is extremely serious and has never happened after 1987 and we are looking at the worst strategic nightmare. The Chinese have come 40 to 60 sq km inside our border. There is active Pakistan-China relation, the Covid-situation is serious, there is a three-front situation and they are more interested in buying and selling MLAs in Gujarat, Rajasthan and holding virtual rallies

VS: Some opposition leaders have been talking to the Chinese ambassador rather than dialling the PM. The defence minister and Chief of Defence Staff have spoken on the issue and there is nothing to hide. These are sensitive issues, let us not exaggerate...our eastern neighbour was compelled to backtrack. The PM will speak when the situation demands.

Handling of lockdown?

MT: In February, entire Europe was impacted. The government didn't pay attention to the magnitude of the problem till March 22. They were busy in rolling out the red carpet for the US president and toppling the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh. No country in the world has unlocked when the Covid curve was spiking.

VS: All CMs were consulted and 'Janta curfew' was a trial for the lockdown. People were aware something was impending

What stopped the PM from calling an opposition party meeting on the issue?

MT: Britain's parliament was functioning and they were holding their government responsible. I don't think questioning the government is wrong.

VS: The opposition needs to fine-tune their strategy. We wanted to continue with the budget session but it was halted on the opposition's demand.

CORONA

PM takes stock of mid-term projections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID pressing needs to augment testing and bed capacities to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reviewed the prevailing situations. The officials presented mid-term likely scenario even while it was maintained that two-third cases were prevalent in five states only, with predominance in big cities.

The NITI Aayog Member Vinod Paul, who is also a convenor of the Empowered Group of Medical Emergency Management Plan, made a detailed presentation on the current status and likely scenario of Covid-19 cases in the medium term. The meeting was attended by the Home Minister Amit Shah, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, Principal Secretary to PM P K Mishra, Cabinet SecretaryRajiv Gauba, Health Secretary, DG ICMR and other related conveners of the Empowered Groups

The PM instructed health ministry officials to undertake emergency planning in consultation with the States/UTs, and ensure suitable preparations in view of the start of the Monsoon season, added the PMO. The situation in the national capital was discussed and the projections for the next two months was deliberated, with the PMsuggesting that Home Minister and health minister should convene an emergency meeting with Lt Governor, CM in the presence of all senior officials of the Centre, city government and the municipal corporations to plan a coordinated and comprehensive response to handle the challenge posed by rising cases of corona.

Coronavirus situation worsens in Ladakh

The Covid-19 situation in Ladakh Union Territory is changing from "controllable" to worrisome as the cases have begun to surge and the region witnessed highest single-day spike of 198 cases on Saturday and there are chances that the cases may further rise as residents are returning to the region from different parts of country after lockdown was eased. As on Friday, the Ladakh UT had 437 positive cases. Of those, 68 cases have recovered so far. This is sharp increase considering the fact that on May 27, the UT with a total population of 2.74 lakh had only 54 cases on May 27. Of the 54 cases Leh had 36 cases and Kargil 18. And 43 had recovered. The region had recorded its first Covid-19 positive case on February 28 after a traveller from Iran tested positive.

WB govt to set up 200 safe houses for migrant patients

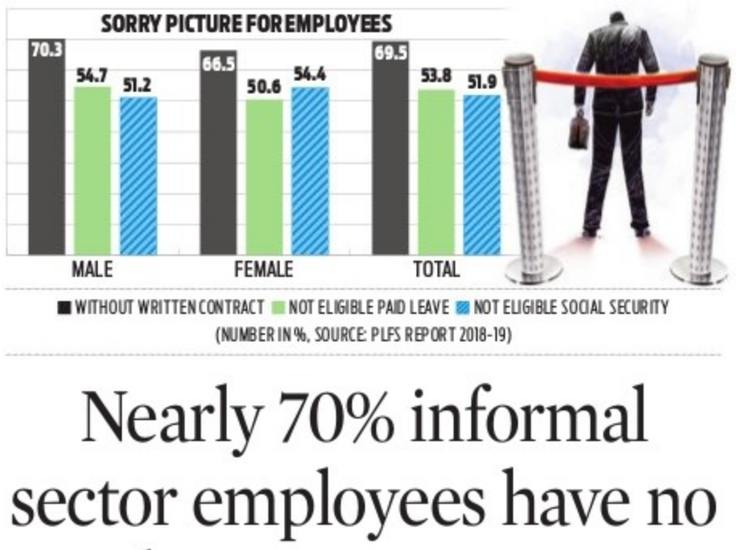
Considering inadequate space at migrants' houses to quarantine themselves and with number of containment zones across the state rising to 1806 from 844 in past 10 days, the West Bengal government has decided to set up 200 safe homes to isolate migrant patients. Among 5,587 Covid-19 patients at present, around 3,000 are migrants with no symptoms or mild symptoms. The government decided to isolate them institutionally to prevent spread of the disease in villages. In Kolkata, the number of containment zones has gone up to 1009 from 351 in past 10 days. Health department officials believe if the returnees with Covid-19 infection are isolated, it might help in recovering. Initially, the state government had decided to send all asymptomatic and patients with mild symptoms to home quarantine.

WHAT A RIDE!

Workers ride an earthmover after completing their work from Malabar hill area, during lockdown in Mumbai | PTI

Corbett Tiger Reserve to open for tourists soon

A week after the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) allowed tiger reserves across the country to open abiding by the safety norms, chief wildlife warden of Uttarakhand has issued an order allowing Corbett Tiger Reserve to open. Rajiv Bhartari, chief wildlife warden of Uttarakhand said, "This year, only three zones- Jhirna, Dhela and Pakhro zones of Corbett will be opened for tourists instead of five zones. Other than these three, Dhikala and Bijrani zones which are closed for tourists by June 15 every year would not be opened." However, the dates of opening have not been announced yet. The NTCA guidelines state that mandatory thermal scanning should be carried out for all eco-tourists and drivers, all visitors, guides and drivers should wear masks, face shields, provision of hand sanitiser in every vehicle, seating capacity to be reduced to 50%.



Nearly 70% informal sector employees have no job contract: Survey

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

WHILE a large section of workers are employed with the informal sector in the country, the recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report highlights poor job security and facilities provided to the employees. The survey said that among regular salaried employees in the non-agriculture sector, 69.5 per cent had no written job contract and 51.9 per cent are not even eligible for any social security benefits.

This is significant, given the current situation due to pandemic, in which the informal sector employees are at the receiving end.

The PLFS report (2018-19) was released last week by the government disclosed that in India, 68.4 per cent of the workers in the non-agriculture sector were engaged in informal sector.

While a written job contract give a sense of job security, the report said, "In India, among regular wage/salaried employees in the non-agriculture sector, 69.5 per cent had no written job contract: 70.3 per cent among males and 66.5 per cent among females."

Similarly, social security benefits for the informal sector employees included provident fund or pension, gratuity, health care and maternity benefits.

On the earnings in the informal sector, the PLFS report said that in rural areas, among regular wage/salaried employees, earnings ranged from ₹13.2k to ₹13.8k among males and it was around ₹8.0k to ₹9.4k among females during July 2018 to June 2019.

In urban areas, among regular wage/salaried employees, earnings ranged from ₹18.9k to ₹19.5k among males, from ₹14.4 k to ₹15.7k among females.

In rural areas, average wage earnings per day by casual labour engaged in works other than public works ranged between ₹277 to ₹297 among males and nearly ₹170 to ₹199 among females. In urban areas, it was between ₹342 to ₹368 among males and nearly ₹205 to ₹244 among females during this period.

India less equipped

An International Labour Organisation (ILO) report released in April this year said that India is among the countries less equipped to handle the situation.

Delhi's corona mess: Amit Shah, Harsh Vardhan to meet CM, L-G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN view of the sharp increase in coronavirus cases in the national capital, the Centre has decided to step in and have a closer look at the situation in Delhi, officials said on Saturday.

In this regard, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Health minister Harsh Vardhan will hold a meeting with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal on Sunday to review the situation in the national capital.

Besides meeting Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, the Shah will also chair a second meeting on Sunday evening with the three mayors of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi. The Union health minister, Kejriwal, members of the SDMA (State Disaster Management Authority) and Dr Randeep Guleria, Director of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) will attend this meeting too.

Delhi is one of the worst-affected cities in India with more than 36,000 cases and over 1,200 deaths. In fact, in the last 24 hours Delhi recorded highest single-day spike with 2,137 cases with 71 deaths.

Shah and Kejriwal also met on Wednesday. After that meeting Kejriwal tweeted that the Shah had "assured all cooperation".

Migrants allege being held back by employers, not allowed to go home

RITWIKA MITRA @ New Delhi

EVEN when Special Shramik trains have been plying migrant workers to their native places, there are many who are still stuck amid the lockdown as they are held back by employers and not allowed to go back to their home states.

"Our family is in distress. We want to return home now. But factory owner would not let us go," said Roshan Yadav, a worker at a spinning mill in Chotila in Gujarat. However, despite repeated requests to their employer, they were restricted from moving out of the premises.

On June 10, they could not take the Shramik train from Ahmedabad via Surat to Ranchi despite their reservations after their employer withheld their payments. Following an NGO intervention with the aid of district administration and the police, the workers finally left the premises on Saturday to return to their home states.

Yadav who hails from Deoghar in Jharkhand is among around 100 other workers who were struggling with negotiating with their employer to return home. According to the Economic Survey 2016-17, the pattern of flow of migrants showed while the less affluent states saw more out migration, the affluent states were the largest recipients of migrants.

"My family has been so nervous during the last two months because of the virus. They have asked me to return home. They say we should be together in this crisis. But our employer would not let us," said another worker Rajkumar, 24, who hails from Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh.

While the monthly mess charge is ₹1,500, the employer deducted ₹3,500, the workers said. "This is a typical example of bonded labour. They were stopped from moving out of the premises of the factory. It would be considered forced labour as their payments were withheld, We were flooded with similar complaints from other factories and conducted rescue operations with district administrations. This is a pattern emerging amid the lockdown when employers continue to exploit interstate workers," said Ashok Parmar, legal coordinator, Centre for Labour Research and Action which intervened in the case.

NATIONAL PARKS

The MP government has decided to reopen National Parks from Monday for domestic travellers following the Centre's guideline to bring normalcy in a phased manner

344 COVID CASES REPORTED IN AHMEDABAD

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	27	Mumbai	32	27
Bhopal	36	27	Panaji	30	28
Jaipur	39	31	Patna	32	27
Amritsar	42	28	Lucknow	36	28
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	31	11	Chandigarh	43	28

Maha govt slashes Covid test rates by 50%

Private laboratories that charge more than the prescribed rates will face legal action, says state health minister

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government took a major decision on Saturday to reduce the cost of Covid-19 swab test by private labs by up to almost 50 per cent. State health minister Rajesh Tope said the government had constituted an expert committee to study the cost of testing and the rates had been slashed based on its recommendations.

"The cost of home testing has been brought down from ₹5,200 to ₹4,500 while testing at the lab will now cost ₹2,200 instead of ₹4,500. This decision will help many go for Covid-19 testing at a reasonable rate in Maharashtra," Tope said.

The revised rates are the maximum these labs can charge. District collectors can negotiate with private labs to reduce rates further. "If the private labs charge more than the prescribed upper limit, legal action would be taken against them," the minister said, claiming that the new rates will be the lowest in the country. "Maharashtra will be the first state to conduct Covid tests at such fair and affordable rates."

The tests are free at the government-run laboratories while the ICMR had fixed charges at private labs at ₹4,500.

Tope said a total of 95 laboratories in the state are conducting Covid-19 test, out of which 42 are private labs. Four-five more labs are in the pipeline, he added.

The expert committee suggested the rates after calculating various costs such as equipment used, manpower etc. The committee, headed by Sudhakar Shinde, CEO of *Mahatma Jyotibha Phule Arogya Yojana*, and comprising health director Sadhana Tayade, Ajay Chandanwale, Joint Director of Directorate of Medical Education and Research, and Amita Joshi, Grant Government Medical College and Hospital professor was formed on June 2.

Tope said Maharashtra has conducted 6.24 lakh tests so far, out of which 1.01 lakh (16.19%) turned out to be positive. "We are conducting the test as per the ICMR guidelines and there is no compromise in testing. The maximum number of testing is happening in Mumbai in the state," the health minister informed.

Bombay High Court says no to drug trial

The Bombay High Court, on Friday, refused to pass an order directing the government authorities to conduct trials of possible COVID-19 drugs or treatment on inmates of jails or correctional homes who have contracted coronavirus. On whom medical trials should be conducted is a matter of government policy and the court would not interfere in that, said a division bench comprising of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice SS Shinde here on Friday.

More voices seek release of Safoora

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Benguluru/New Delhi

AS many as 66 members of the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B) have signed a 'solidarity statement' demanding the immediate release of pregnant student activist Safoora Zargar and several others who are currently languishing behind bars, while the Center for Human Rights at the American Bar Association (ABA) said Zargar's detention does not appear to meet international human rights standards.

The Delhi Police had booked Zargar, a Jamia Millia Islamia student, under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in a case of communal violence in northeast Delhi. The student activist, along with others, took part in the protests against the CAA, NRC and NPR.

The 66 signatories alleged that while Zargar, other students as well as senior citizens, including professors, continue to suffer in "crowded prisons" at a time Covid-19 is peaking, "the real perpetrators, including a Union minister," have gone scot-free. The signatories have used only their initials as a safeguard as one of them claimed to have been "threatened by a currently-enrolled campus member for joining this solidarity statement".

Terming the move to incarcerate "spirited defenders of the Constitution under draconian laws" an act of intimidation, the signatories have called upon fellow academics across the country to stand up in solidarity and hold the government to account.

Pitching for Zargar's immediate release, the Centre for Human Rights at ABA — one of the oldest and largest associations of lawyers and law students in the US — said it was the government's "moral and legal obligation" to do so. "Given the lack of clear evidence of criminal conduct, her pregnant condition and the failure of prosecutors to specifically explain how Zargar poses a threat if granted bail, Zargar should be allowed to furnish a bail bond and be in her home with her family until the appropriate time for her legal hearings. The centre urges the court to uphold India's moral and legal obligations given the pandemic," it said.

The centre mentioned that denial of bail to Zargar is not in consonance with the provisions of International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights. "Regardless of whether Zargar's detention was properly justified under normal circumstances, it is likely unreasonable in light of her pregnancy and the risk of contracting the novel coronavirus...," it said.

BMC bought body bags at ₹6.7K per piece, order scrapped after scam alert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

AFTER a controversy over corruption in purchase of body bags, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has scrapped the tender and decided to place a new order.

Social activist Anjali Damania had alleged that all the body bags were purchased at a highly inflated price. "Disgusting BMC has given a contract of 'Body Bags' to Vedant Innotech Private limited, for ₹6,719 per bag. Directors are Satish & Vedant Kalyankar. (Their) main business is casting of metals FYI, Satish Kalyankar, is a member of Censor Board. Actual cost of a body bag is ₹250 to ₹1200," she had tweeted.

The BMC, which had invited tenders for procurement of additional 3,000 body bags, said it had bought 2,200 body bags so far at a cost of ₹6,719 each. After the row erupted, the civic body said in a statement, "A tender was invited and during technical scrutiny, it was found that only one company was eligible. ... to ensure competitive pricing, we have decided to cancel the order." BMC mayor Kishori Pednekar clarified that 10 firms participated in the tender process, out of nine were disqualified due to various reasons. On a question of why the bags were so costly, it said good quality bags were needed for the Covid-19 bodies.

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>
> Amey Ghole, BMC Health Committee chairman

"The firm which showed interest in supplying the body bags to BMC is also supplying to various other government departments including the Indian Navy. In fact, we got these bags at a reasonable rate," Amey Ghole, chairman of the BMC's Health Committee, claimed.

The opposition, meanwhile, has also smelt the rat in the Covid isolation centres where a large numbers of beds are reportedly vacant against the demand.

Former BJP MP Kirit Somaiya alleged that just like body bags purchase, another scam was happening in the Covid quarantine centres. Many beds at these centres were lying vacant while people had been refused admission saying there were not enough beds.

SALUTE TO WARRIORS

Medics shower flower petals and applaud police personnel who recovered from coronavirus in Kolkata on Saturday | PTI

Uttarakhand govt orders probe into death of pregnant woman, twins

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

DAYS after a 7-month pregnant woman and her prematurely born twins died allegedly after five hospitals in Dehradun refused to admit her for delivery, the Uttarakhand health department and the district administration on Saturday ordered separate inquiries in the matter. The woman died on Thursday, five days after the death of her babies.

"An inquiry has been ordered. The demise of the woman and her children is unfortunate," said Amit Negi, secretary, health. Amita Upreti, director general, state health department,has been asked to submit a detailed report. The condition of the woman deteriorated after she gave birth to twins at home on June 9. Both infants died soon after in the absence of institutional care.

The family of the woman alleged that they tried to get her admitted in a hospital for delivery, but were turned away. Kamlesh Saini, husband of the deceased , Sudha Saini, alleged that his wife was turned away by Doon, Gandhi and Coronation hospitals and two other private hospitals. They refused to admit her saying she had fever and maybe a Covid-19 carrier.

Saini, a daily wager, is from Bihar and has been living in Dehradun for more than six years. "We were chased away from Gandhi hospital saying that pregnancy is just 7-month-old," he said. He has two children, aged four and 1.

New J&K media policy faces flak from parties

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE new media policy unveiled by Jammu and Kashmir government amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has come under sharp criticism with political parties terming it as a major attempt to curb freedom of press and describing it as "Colonial-era censorship" and demanded its rollback.

National Conference spokesman Imran Nabi Dar said the new media policy obliquely stifles media's right to ask tough questions and highlight lacunae in the working of the administration.

"The policy seems to be a remnant of colonial era censorship. It was that colonial experience of the founding fathers of the country that made them realise the significance of the freedom of press," he said.

The "Media Policy-2020" was unveiled by the J&K Directorate of Information and Publication Relations on June 2 to examine content of print, electronic and other forms of media for "fake news, plagiarism and unethical or anti-national activities."

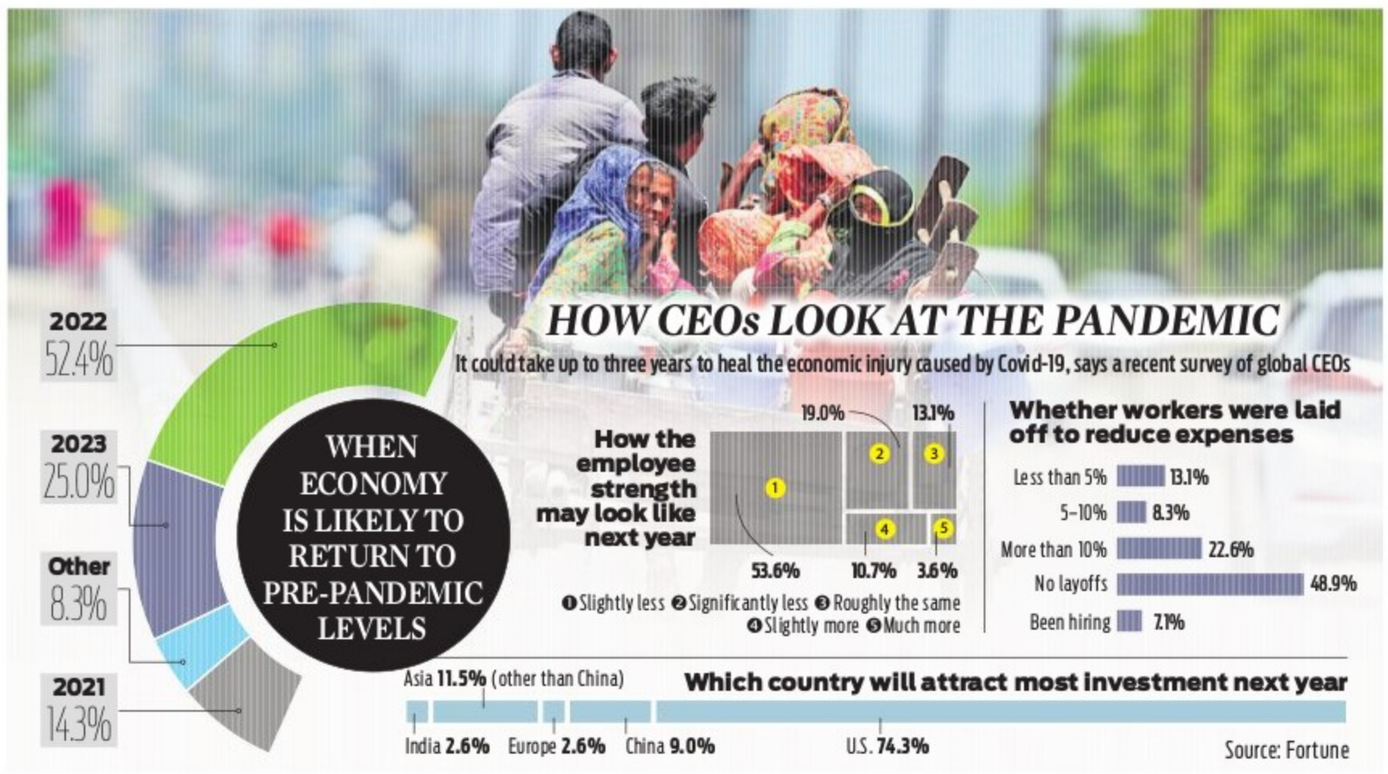
As per the policy, any individual or group indulging in fake news, unethical or anti-national activities or plagiarism shall be de-empanelled besides being proceeded against under the law.

It also states that a background check of newspaper publishers, editors and key staff members has been made mandatory before empanelling them for government advertisements. It has also made security clearance of a journalist mandatory before awarding him/her accreditation.

PDP leader and former journalist Suhail Bukhari said the new media policy is a step towards demolishing democratic institutions and killing free voices with absolute immunity.

Families plead innocence

A day after a video surfaced of two missing Kashmiri youth in custody of Gilgit Baltistan police in PoK and the duo being accused of being Indian spies went viral, the families of the two youth have rejected the claims saying, "They both are innocent" and urged India and Pakistan governments to set them free on humanitarian grounds. Two youth, Feroz Ahmad Lone and Noor Mohammad Wani, both residents of Gurez had gone missing in 2018.


HOW CEOs LOOK AT THE PANDEMIC
It could take up to three years to heal the economic injury caused by Covid-19, says a recent survey of global CEOs
WHEN ECONOMY IS LIKELY TO RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS
2022 52.4%
2023 25.0%
Other 8.3%
2021 14.3%
How the employee strength may look like next year
19.0%
13.1%
53.6%
10.7%
3.6%
1 Slightly less 2 Significantly less 3 Roughly the same 4 Slightly more 5 Much more
Whether workers were laid off to reduce expenses
Less than 5% 13.1%
5–10% 8.3%
More than 10% 22.6%
No layoffs 48.9%
Been hiring 7.1%
Which country will attract most investment next year
Asia 11.5% (other than China)
India 2.6%
Europe 2.6%
China 9.0%
U.S. 74.3%
Source: Fortune

Video of bodies has no Covid link: WB govt

KOLKATA: Facing flak from the people, the West Bengal government on Saturday dismissed as a "one-off incident" the contents of a video showing decomposed bodies being loaded into a van by the city civic body in daylight and said it has no links with the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Attempts to "decontextualise the incident" and project it as a part of the pandemic despite the explanatory communiques to Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar "adversely affected the social mind", the state health department tweeted.

"The government of West Bengal condemns untruths," it said, in a series of tweets. *PTI*

Soon, panic button in all long-route CTU buses

All the long-route buses of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) will soon have a panic button and a live-tracking system for the safety and security of passengers. Already installed in 40 local buses, the panic button and tracking system will now be installed in the remaining 173 buses plying on long routes. The transport department of the Chandigarh administration has invited online tenders for the supply and installation of the automatic vehicle location system (AVLS) along with a panic button. It has also invited tenders for the supply and installation of ultrasonic fuel sensor devices in all 213 buses.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

City's Zirakpur flyover set for makeover

The area underneath the Zirakpur flyover on the Chandigarh-Delhi highway is all set for a makeover as ornamental plants, benches and decorative lights will be installed to enhance its looks with a budget of `2.15 crore. Tenders in this regard will be shortly received by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). In 2017, the district administration started the beautification project but due to lack of funds, it could not be completed. Last year, a few artists had even volunteered to make graffiti on the pillars of the flyover, but these were defaced. Besides the beautification, this move will also help in better utilisation of the area alongside the Chandigarh-Delhi highway. At present, stray animals, dumped waste material and sewage are a common sight in the area.

Carry self-declaration document for entry

Anyone entering Chandigarh from outside by road, train and air, except those from neighbouring cities of Mohali and Panchkula, will have to carry a self-declaration document, which can be downloaded from the Chandigarh administration's website. It will help the administration keep track of the travel history of the resident. Officials, however, clarified that it is not a permit but simply a travel information document for official record. Government, PSU, private employees coming to attend their offices will be allowed entry on showing their identity cards. Also, no long-route inter-state buses will ply from and to Chandigarh.

PGIMER retains second rank among med colleges

For the third year in a row in the annual rankings for higher educational institutions (HEIs), the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh has retained its position as the second-best medical college in the country after AIIMS-Delhi. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) covers 10 categories. The University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (UIPS) in Panjab University has been ranked second among 334 pharmacy institutions in India for pharmacy studies. after Jamia Hamdard in New Delhi and the NIPER at Mohali is ranked third.

10 dead

and 117 injured after a tanker truck exploded south of Shanghai in Zhejiang province

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	HR	Los Angeles	23	14	SNY
Colombo	32	26	TDS	Melbourne	16	10	LC
Doha	39	27	SNY	Moscow	13	8	LR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	22	11	SNY
Houston	30	21	SNY	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	22	14	LC	Toronto	15	9	LC
London	24	12	SNY	Washington DC	23	12	SNY

WASHINGTON

Melania delayed move to DC for leverage: Book

First lady Melania Trump delayed her move to Washington after Donald Trump became president to gain leverage in renegotiating her prenuptial agreement as per a new book, *The Art of Her Deal: The Untold Story of Melania Trump* by Mary Jordan. Melania learnt new details about Trump's alleged infidelities from media reports during his 2016 campaign.

UNITED NATIONS

UN chief shocked at mass graves in Libyan town

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed deep shock late Friday at the discovery of at least 8 mass graves in Libyan territory recently recaptured from forces commanded by Khalifa Hifter (pictured), and called for a transparent probe. The graves were found in Tarhuna, a town that served as a main stronghold for Khalifa's east-based forces.

PARIS

Millions of unsold masks in France after virus crisis

The French praised the altruism of their prized textile and luxury goods companies when production facilities got diverted from churning out the latest fashions to making cloth masks. Now, the companies that helped France avoid a feared shortage of virus-filtering face wear for everyday use say they need help unloading a surplus of 20 million masks.

WASHINGTON

Warren, Harris, Susan Rice in Biden's new VP list

Joe Biden's search for a running mate is entering a second round of vetting for a dwindling list of potential vice presidential nominees, with several black women in strong contention, according to AP sources. Among the group are Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris (pictured), as well as Susan Rice, who served as Obama's national security adviser.

MADRID

Uncertainty as Spain puts coronavirus toll 'on hold'

For days now, Spain's daily coronavirus death toll has been on hold, generating widespread uncertainty about the real state of the epidemic. Health ministry's emergencies coordinator Fernando Simon said the numbers remained "frozen" as a result of discrepancies in the figures, which he put down to delays in submitting data in certain regional areas.

PARIS

'No nuclear accident' during submarine fire

A fire that raged for 14 hours on one of France's nuclear-powered attack submarines did not lead to an atomic accident as steps were taken to protect its reactor, the defence minister said Saturday. The submarine was under renovation in the southern base of Toulon when the blaze broke out at about 10:30 am (2 pm ISD) on Friday in the lower bow section.

TOKYO

Sao Paulo cemeteries to dig up graves for space

Brazil's biggest metropolis has an unorthodox plan to free up space at its graveyards during the coronavris pandemic: digging up the bones of people buried in the past and storing their bagged remains in large metal containers. Sao Paulo is one of the Covid-19 hotspots in Latin America's hardest-hit nation, with 5,480 deaths as of Thursday.

Chinese police guard the entrance to the closed Xinfadi market in Beijing on Saturday | AFP

Beijing in partial lockdown after fresh cluster emerges

Biggest wholesale food market in capital shut after 45 test +ve

BEIJING

DOZENS of people tested positive for the coronavirus in Beijing as parts of the city were locked down Saturday after the emergence of a new cluster linked to a wholesale food market.

People were ordered to stay home at 11 residential estates in south Beijing's Fengtai district and the nearby Xinfadi market was closed as authorities raced to contain the outbreak that has fuelled fears of a resurgence in local transmission.

Most of the six new domestic infections reported Saturday were linked to the meat and vegetable market, health officials said, which provides much of the capital's food supply.

Official news agency Xinhua reported at least one of the cases was "severe".

But another 45 asymptomatic cases -- which China counts separately -- were detected after mass testing of nearly 2,000 workers at the market on Friday, city health official Pang Xinghuo later told reporters.

Another worker tested positive at a farmers' market in the city's northwestern district of Haidian -- a close contact of one of the confirmed cases linked to Xinfadi.

Beijing's first COVID-19 case in two months, announced Thursday, had visited Xinfadi market and had no recent travel history outside the city.

China's domestic outbreak had been brought largely under control through strict lockdowns that were imposed after the disease was first detected late last year.

These measures had mostly been lifted as the infection rate dropped, and the majority of recent cases were citizens living abroad who were tested as they returned home during the pandemic.

Among the six new domestic cases announced Saturday were three Xinfadi market workers, one market visitor and two employees at the China Meat Research Centre, seven kilometres (four miles) away. One of the employees had visited the market last week.

Authorities closed the market, along with another seafood market visited by one of the patients, for disinfection and sample collection on Friday.

Hundreds of police officers, many wearing masks and gloves, and dozens of paramilitary police deployed at the two markets, with no one allowed to leave Xinfadi. *AFP*

Brazil 2nd in virus deaths, ICUs overwhelmed

Rio De Janeiro: Brazil on Friday claimed the unenviable position of having the second-highest coronavirus death toll worldwide behind the United States, where several states have posted record daily case totals, signaling the crisis is far from over. Brazil's health ministry recorded 909 deaths in the past 24 hours, putting the total at 41,828 -- meaning the country of 212 million people has now surpassed Britain's death toll. Experts warn the actual number of cases in Latin America's biggest economy could be many times higher than the confirmed figure of 828,810. "Some areas are at a critical stage" in Brazil, with ICU occupancy levels of more than 90%, World Health Organization emergencies director Mike Ryan told journalists in Geneva. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro berated state officials for imposing lockdowns.

Sikh woman to graduate from West Point in US

ROSWELL

SECOND Lieutenant Anmol Narang will create history by becoming the first observant Sikh to graduate from the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point on Saturday.

"The confidence and support of my community back home in Georgia has been deeply meaningful to me, and I am humbled that in reaching this goal, I am showing other Sikh Americans that any career path is possible for anyone willing to rise to the challenge," Narang said.

Narang will complete her Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. Following the successful completion of BOLC, she will then head to her first posting in Okinawa, Japan, in January of 2021, according to the non-profit organisation Sikh Coalition.

A second-generation immigrant born and raised in Roswell, Georgia, Narang had an early appreciation for military service due to her maternal grandfather's career in the Indian Army.

After she developed an interest in military service during high school, she began the process to apply for the West Point after her family visited Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has attended one year of undergraduate study at the Georgia Institute of Technology. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

SRI LANKA

Govt relaxes Covid-19 restrictions further

Sri Lanka on Saturday announced further relaxation of the curfew from next week. Sri Lanka has so far recorded 1,880 coronavirus cases, 11 deaths due to the disease. The Covid-19 curfew, currently in force from 11 pm to 4 am daily, will be relaxed and enforced for only four hours from midnight to 4 am daily from June 14 onwards, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's office said. The government had ordered partial opening of offices mid-May. From early June, the restrictions were further relaxed with public transport being allowed. The relaxations were mostly due to the need to hold the election for a new parliament.

INDONESIA

A wave of body snatching

Hospitals are beefing up security at their morgues after a spate of body-snatchings by relatives seeking traditional burials for family members who died of Covid-19. Victims must be wrapped in plastic and buried quickly, meaning grieving relatives are unable to follow Muslim funeral practices, which include washing the dead from head to toe.

PAKISTAN

1,300 hotspots sealed off amid record rise in daily infections

Pakistani authorities have identified and sealed off nearly 1,300 hotspots to contain the rising trajectory of new coronavirus infections. The sealing of high-risk area comes as Pakistan reported 6,472 news cases on Saturday, the country's highest single-day total. Pakistan has confirmed a total of 132,405 cases, including 2,551 deaths. Pakistan put its entire population of 220 million under lockdown in March. The government has since eased restrictions, saying it was necessary to save the economy, but it has caused a surge in cases. PM Imran Khan has resisted demands to reinforce the lockdown.

Trump admin revokes health protection for trans people

WASHINGTON

IN a move applauded by President Donald Trump's conservative base, his administration on Friday finalized a rule that overturns Obama-era protections for transgender people against sex discrimination in health care.

The Department of Health and Human Services said it will enforce sex discrimination protections "according to the plain meaning of the word 'sex' as male or female and as determined by biology." This rewrites an Obama-era regulation that sought a broader understanding shaped by a person's internal sense of being male, female, neither or a combination.

LGBTQ groups say explicit protections are needed for people seeking sex-reassignment treatment, and even for transgender people who need care for common illnesses such as diabetes or heart problems.

The reversal comes in the middle of LGBTQ Pride Month. Activists and Democratic lawmakers noted that Friday was also the four-year anniversary of the mass shooting at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in which 49 people were killed.

Behind the dispute over legal rights is a medically recognized condition called "gender dysphoria" — discomfort or distress caused by a discrepancy between the gender that a person identifies as and the gender at birth. Consequences can include severe depression.

The American Medical Association strongly criticised the Trump administration's action. "The federal government should never make it more difficult for individuals to access health care — during a pandemic or any other time," said Dr. Susan Bailey, the group's president.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website https://tntenders.gov.in.

	Name of the Work	Estimate amount Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of the Work Completion
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4.	Date, Time and Venue of opening	20.07.2020 Monday 3.30pm at Vellore Corporation Office		
5.	Tender document availability and other details	Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website https://tntenders.gov.in .or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on all working days.		

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NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 07/2020-2021/SDO/Dt.12.06.2020
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 20.07.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for Packages No.12, 13,14,15 & 16 in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under Upgradation of Panchyat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.
Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 24.06.2020 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in If any Changes/Corrections/ Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
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E-TENDER NOTICE No: SA/E/4/2020-21/W Dated 11-06-2020
Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical/Salem Division, Salem-5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed/downloaded from website portal www.ireps.gov.in The Cost of Tender and EMD shall be made in online gateway Payment only.

Name of Work	Details
1) SA/E/4/2020-21/W1: SA DIVN: Proposed Construction of Running room at MTDM, part of OML doubling work.	Approx. Cost - ₹ 4,31,389/- EMD - ₹ 8,600/- Tender Cost - ₹ 1,120/- Completion Period: 6 Months
2) SA/E/4/2020-21/W2: Salem Div. - Improvement to Staff quarters at TPT - 20 Nos., MAP - 8 Nos., BQI-35 Nos. of Type - II Qtrs.	Approx. Cost - ₹ 2,79,250/- EMD - ₹ 45,600/- Tender Cost - ₹ 3,360/- Completion Period: 6 Months
Closing Time & Date	15.00 hrs. on 15.07.2020

All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
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SUB WORK-2 : Improvement including lining both side of Upper Drain between Maraimalai Adigal Salai Junction and Vanarapet Foot Bridge, Puducherry - cost put to tender :- Rs.5,57,80,040/-

(i)	Availability of NIT in the website from		11.00 A.M. on 17.06.2020 to 04.00 P.M. on 07.07.2020.
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3	Estimate Value	₹ 41,27,240/-
4	Earnest Money	₹ 82,600/-
5	Cost of Tender Form	₹ 3,360/-
6	Tender Closing date and Time	06.07.2020 at 14.00 Hrs
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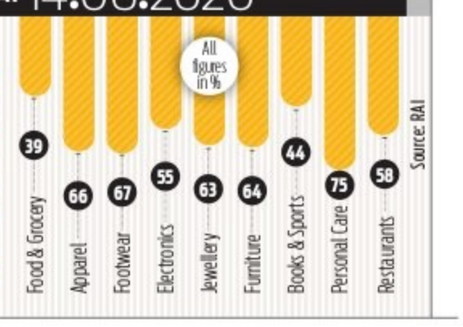
LOCKDOWN EASING IN MAY INEFFECTIVE FOR RETAILERS

Retailers — both food and non-food— saw de-growth in business in May despite relaxations. A look:



EXPRESS READ

RESULTS CORNER

STATE-RUN BHEL REGISTERS ₹1,532 CR LOSS IN MARCH QUARTER

New Delhi: Engineering firm BHEL on Saturday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹1,532 crore for the March quarter, mainly due to lower revenue and deferred tax as against a consolidated net profit of ₹680.77 crore in the quarter ended March 2019, it said in a BSE filing. Total income during the quarter under review stood at ₹5,193.51 crore, down from ₹10,489.11 crore in the same period last year. For the full fiscal 2019-20, BHEL suffered a consolidated net loss of ₹1,468 crore as against a net profit of ₹1,002.42 crore in 2018-19. Total income decreased to ₹22,054.31 crore from ₹31,102.90 crore in the previous fiscal.

APPOINTMENT

IPO-BOUND UTI AMC APPOINTS IMTAIYAZUR RAHMAN AS CEO

New Delhi: UTI Asset Management Company (AMC) said it has appointed Imtaiyazur Rahman as the company's chief executive officer (CEO), after the position remained vacant for nearly two years. Rahman was an internal candidate for the post, which fell vacant after completion of the term of earlier CEO Leo Puri in 2018, the company said in a statement. He has been the acting CEO of the company for nearly two years and earlier he held this position during 2012-13. The decision of the company, which plans to launch IPO soon, addresses the concerns of Sebi on the CEO position which was vacant for two years.

ECONOMIC BOOSTER

SCOPE TO FINETUNE STIMULUS, SAYS EAC-PM MEMBER ASHIMA GOYAL

New Delhi: The government's ₹20 lakh crore rescue package for the coronavirus-hit economy is "not cast in iron" and "there is scope to finetune it", the PM's economic advisory council member Ashima Goyal said on Saturday. She added the government has to kickstart demand to stimulate the economy while addressing a virtual seminar organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Goyal, a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), added that much of the stimulus pertained to the financial sector and "sequencing of demand and supply is very important to stimulate the economy."

NEWSCOPE

MAID IN INDIA, BANNED BY HOUSING SOCIETIES

GURBIR SINGH

As the government eases lockdown rules, it's a pitched battle out there between those pushing for economic survival and those who want to keep the safety cocoon intact. Sometimes it is a stalemate. Those venturing out and trying to crank up their offices and business, are finding things are just not moving. A reflection of this today in the upper middle class world of gated communities is the Battle Royale ensuing on whether the maid and the cook can be allowed back into homes.

The lady of the house is tired of the incessant cooking, washing and scrubbing. The husband has dislocated his back mopping the floors. "It is about time we got some help back, dear. A bit of risk with Covid-19 is better than the hell we are going through," he grumbles to his wife.

But the Residents' Welfare Association (RWA) or the housing society is not playing ball. The 'Mission-Begin-Again' from June 1 be damned! The collective fear of the 'infection' invading these high-walled safe havens is ensuring their gates continue to be locked for hundreds of families desperate to resume normal life.

Circle of dependency

Housing societies began with restrictions like scanning for fever with temperature guns in March. As the lockdown became tighter and panic turned to fear, societies banned cooks, maids, and plumbers as possible carriers of the virus. Some edicts were downright weird; others were inhuman and discriminatory. Many Pune societies barred maids and technicians from using the lifts and forced them to climb stairs fearing transmission in a confined space; other imposed hefty fines on member/residents if they brought in maids after the ban.

The ousting of the maid for fear of the virus has led to the breakdown of carefully constructed household structures. It shows how dependent we are on the casual part-time services of domestic helpers. Their ban has disrupted care for the elderly and the work routines of thousands of professional and self-employed people. After weeks of deprivation, and ultimately physical breakdown, residents have begun to clamour for 'normalcy' and to allow the maid and the cook in.

An upscale gated community of six towers and about 650 flats in Mumbai — the Crescent Bay Apartments, in Sewree – has finally decided to lift the ban on part-time maids and other domestic help from June 13, but after laying down a strict protocol including temperature and pulse Oximeter checks. While much of the hygiene and sanitization routine is to prevent the spread of infection by possible 'carriers', many housing society rules are demeaning to domestic workers.

Like getting maids to strip off their clothes, take a bath, and begin work in a fresh set of clothes. "It is strongly advised that wherever possible, please keep a set of fresh laundered clothes for the household help which she/ he can change into before starting the work. This is STRONGLY ADVISED for nannies/ household/ caregivers who come in daily but stay in one house for a longer duration and are in contact with young kids constantly," reads the Crescent Bay advisory.

AMIT BANDRE

No domestic staff, insist RWAs

The collective fear of the 'infection' invading these high-walled safe havens is ensuring their gates continue to be locked for hundreds of families desperate to resume normal life.

Are these bans legal?

It is indeed a strange situation. The well-heeled have homes that cannot ordinarily be serviced without domestic help. On the other hand, helps are looked at as carriers of plague. It's the worst kind of class bias. Instead of developing processes which protect both the maids / domestic helps as well as the families that they work for, the uber housing societies are busy framing rules that try to balance squeezing work out of the domestic helps while finding ways of shutting them out.

Decrying the trend of housing societies asking for Covid-19 test reports of maids, some of those representing maids have rightly asked housing societies to ask flat owners to produce test reports too, to protect the domestic workers. Babli Rawat, Secretary of the Domestic Workers Federation, told squarefeet india.com that the coronavirus was not spread by the maids but by the rich who came back from foreign travel.

The big question is: Do housing societies have the legal right to create these little islands of exclusion? The Maharashtra Societies Welfare Association (MahaSewa), an apex body of housing societies, says Clause 6, sub clause (ii) of the directions of June 1 by the Maharashtra government allow self-employed categories like plumbers and maids to resume work with precautions and social distancing norms. In that light, housing societies cannot regulate services which are the concern of individual flat/home owners.

Pune's District collector Naval Kishore Ram passed an order on June 10 directing housing societies in his jurisdiction not to restrict the entry of plumbers, maids and other categories. It's time others stepped in too, to ensure the commoner's right to livelihood is safeguarded.

Unlock 1.0 fails to revive sales for automakers

Demand for vehicles fell 89 per cent in May; June sales so far also remain sluggish

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

EVEN as India effects a calibrated exit from the nationwide lockdown and economic activity resumes, demand for automobiles is nowhere near the pre-covid era. Retail auto sales in May fell as much as 89 per cent and going by the early trend there hasn't been much action in the first two weeks of June.

"At present, demand for cars is 65-75 per cent lower than pre-covid days despite multiple offers and easy EMI options," said a manager of New Delhi based-Maruti Suzuki Nexa dealer showroom. Similarly, a reputed dealer at Hyundai Motor said they are facing difficulties in delivering vehicles. "There continues to be waiting period for certain models as production was severely impacted. This coupled with low demand in urban centres isn't a good news," he said. At present, most of the carmakers are manufacturing at 30-40 per cent capacity and have about 85 per cent of showrooms opened. The number, however, is higher for two-wheeler makers. For instance, Royal Enfield informed opening 90 per cent of its touch points.

The tepid demand for vehicles comes amid wide expectation of sales surge for small cars and two-wheelers as people would prefer personal mobilty over public transport. In countries such as China where cases of Covid-19 first came out, auto sales in May rose 14.5 per cent from the same month a year earlier, industry data showed.

Experts believe economic uncertainty and possibility of another lockdown is preventing buyers to make big ticket purchases.

"The first 10 days of June witnessed extremely low demand despite most dealerships open. Weak consumer confidence especially in urban areas continue to haunt as customers stay away from concluding their purchase due to threat of community spread and return of complete lockdown persists," FADA President Ashish Harsharaj Kale said.

The new demand is indicating towards personal mobility being preferred over shared mobility. We also expect an increased traction for used cars

Tarun Garg, director (sales, marketing and service), HMIL

On outlook for the sector, Care Ratings noted it continues to remain grim with no definite signs of improvement in near future. "If another lockdown is imposed, auto sales numbers will continue their downward trajectory, which will seriously affect large workforce and companies may have to further delay their product launches and capex plans," it said.

Ratings agency CRISIL also expects a 60 per cent fall in domestic dispatches in the first half of this fiscal in line with staggered opening of dealerships Tarun Garg, director (sales, marketing and service), HMIL said, "The new demand is indicating towards personal mobility being preferred over shared mobility. We expect an increase in traction for compact and used car segments."

Ex-Infosys staff allege 'racial discrimination'

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

IT services major Infosys has found itself caught up in yet another lawsuit, this time by its former head of Diversity Recruiting programme — Davina Linguist — alleging the company of racial discrimination. Linguist in her lawsuit filed in the Eastern District Court of Texas has accused Infosys of 'retaliating' against her since she testified in another lawsuit in 2016 that accused the the company of preferring South Asian candidates over native Americans for recruitment purposes.

The former employee added as a result of her testimony, Infosys demoted her to a position, which she had held earlier as well and "stripped her of her title as the head of diversity recruiting (replacing her with an individual with no relevant experience), among other improper conduct." She has appealed the court to direct Infosys to pay her compensation for the damages as well as the other benefits allegedly denied to her. Linguist rued she was eventually forced to resign from the company in March, 2017.

Infosys, however, denied the allegations and retaliation and said that it will defend itself in this matter. "Infosys Ltd has a policy of treating everyone fairly and providing equal employment opportunity and an inclusive workplace to all. It has multiple avenues in which employees can report concerns and further takes affirmative measures so that employees can do so without retaliation. Infosys Ltd is aware of the case recently filed by former employee Davina Linguist," the firm said a statement. The allegations against the IT company also coincides with the protests against racial discrimination in the US after the death of George Flyod.

'Protect lives and jobs, spend on healthcare'

THE pandemic has brought the world's economies crashing down, and India's is no different. According to ***Uday Kotak, Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Bank & CII President****, India will need to set its immediate focus on saving lives and jobs, even as its ramps up spending on healthcare and education.* ***Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director of The New Indian Express****, and* ***author and political economy analyst Shankkar Aiyar*** *sat down for a chat with the banker on Saturday as part of TNIE's* ***Express Expressions****, a series of live web casts with people who matter. Excerpts:*

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Are you satisfied with the way governments have reacted?

The first thing is protecting lives and likelihoods. How do we ensure that we protect lives from the virus and at the same time, protect lives from the loss of livelihood. At this point of time, whether it's governments, whether it is citizens, we must do whatever it takes to protect both lives and livelihoods. It is a delicate tightrope walking.

Second, one of the challenges India is facing is that we have amongst the lowest healthcare spend as a percentage of GDP. Our spend is 1.3 per cent. The US spends 14 per cent, Germany spends 10 per cent, China, which is four times our size, spends three per cent.

So, medium-term spend on healthcare should be India's number one priority, and this crisis must get us in that direction.

Do you think the pandemic will change this trend?

We need to ensure a policy framework which is creating the right incentives for getting the outcomes we want. There are areas like public health which requires the state to step in and spend, come what may. We think about defense spending for protecting ourselves against our enemies geographically. Think about the virus. It's a far more dangerous enemy. So, health care and spending towards that requires to be raised to the level of defense in terms of our prioritization.

Is the financial sector strong enough to serve the interest of small enterprises?

It has been fragile for a while and the pandemic is another shock. If you take the overall banking sector, ₹100 lakh crore is the total loan book of the banking sector and the banking sector capital against that is ₹11-12 lakh crore. Even if there is a 4-5 per cent loss ratio because of (the pandemic) it wipes out 40 per cent. There is going to be significant need for capital in the banking sector.

Is it time to come out with a new budget?

Even today, no one knows what the full impact of the virus is going to be. What do you estimate and budget in a pandemic, which is a moving and mutating target? We have to manage the fact that our fiscal deficit will be higher.

How do we raise money to fund the fight?

The borrowing program the government has announced is part of it. And the monetisation of the deficit will be another. In the short term, we must be ready to spend whatever it takes. In the medium term, we should spend on healthcare and education. If it means expanding fiscal deficit we should be ready to expand fiscal deficit. But keeping in mind financial stability, because you don't want a run on the country.

Business & Beyond

Paresh Kumar is new circle head of PNB Bhubaneswar

Paresh Kumar Das has joined as circle head of Punjab National Bank, Bhubaneswar circle. He started his career in PNB in 1989 as a management trainee. Das has rich working experience in various capacities in West Bengal, Bihar, Maharastra and Haryana. During his tenure in Bhubaneswar, he will give emphasis on reduction of NPA besides giving thrust on retail banking, MSME & Agricultural advances and expand the scope of digital banking. He will also work to provide better customer service in the that area.

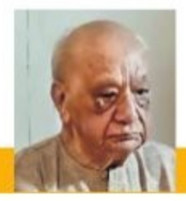
Sanitisation drive at South Eastern Rly

Amid the tough challenge posed by Covid-19, South Eastern Railway has undertaken massive cleanliness and sanitisation drive. Precautionary measures have been taken to support its workforce with disinfected infrastructures and clean environment and this is a continuous process. Daily cleaning, sanitisation and disinfection of all offices, stations, depots, colonies, control offices etc. are being undertaken.

SBI relaunches online 'Insta Saving Bank Account

State Bank of India (SBI) on Friday re-launched the 'SBI Insta Saving Bank Account', an Aadhaar-based instant digital savings account, for customers who would like to open an account via the bank's digital banking platform, YONO. The new service will offer a complete paperless and instant digital savings account opening experience with just the PAN and Aadhaar details. SBI will issue basic personalised RuPay ATM-cum-debit card to all the new account holders of Insta Saving Bank Account.

Raiji, world's oldest first-class cricketer, passes away at 100



Vasant Raiji, world's oldest first-class cricketer, passed away at the age of 100 on Saturday. The former Baroda opener, who played nine matches, is survived by his wife and two daughters. Raiji turned 100 on January 26. "He passed away at 2.20 am in his sleep at his residence in Walkeshwar due to old age," his son-in-law Sudarshan Nanavati said.

Cricketers may not face NADA sanction

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THE whereabouts clause of World Anti-Doping Association has been a point of consternation for all athletes at some point of their careers. Though it had been a grave concern for athletes in different disciplines, this is the first time cricketers are facing the music in India. But with this being their first offence, there are chances that they may get away with a warning and that it won't be counted as an offence because of the lockdown. BCCI came under National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) last year.

It is understood that five cricketers — Cheteshwar Pujara, Ravindra Jadeja, KL Rahul, Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma — were among 41 defaulters who were sent notices for failing to update their whereabouts in the Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS) and were part of the National Registered Testing Pool (NRTP). The NADA, the body in charge of anti-doping activities in the country, found this a violation of anti-doping rules and sent them notices. Besides cricketers, there are athletes, weightlifters and rowers as well.

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) sent its explanation on Friday to the NADA about the reason for their failure to update the whereabouts of the cricketers. According to NADA, one of the reasons cited by them was 'password issue' and inability to access the BCCI office because of the lockdown. However, whether it will be counted as one of the three offences in a year (either for failing to update whereabouts or missing testing), will depend on the reasons furnished by all the federations. NADA will evaluate their response and arrive at a decision, possibly by next week.

Despite being sent notices, the athletes may escape strict censure by NADA. "We have notified the 41 athletes who have failed to update their whereabouts as per rule," said NADA director general Navin Agarwal. "There were cricketers and other athletes from different disciplines as well. The BCCI has given us their reasons for not updating the whereabouts of the athletes on ADAMS and we are going to evaluate it. If they submit the whereabouts now, we will see."

NADA said it would examine not just cricketers but all other federations' letters and then see how they could move forward. In all likelihood, because of the lockdown, the NADA might let the athletes go with a stern warning, with the offence not being counted as one of three strikes. According to the WADA rule, athletes have to keep their whereabouts updated at all times and if they miss dope collection because of a wrong address, it will be counted as an offence. If an athlete skips three in 12 months, he or she will be penalised with a suspension up to four years. "We have received replies to our letters from other federations as well and we will consider them on merit," said Agarwal.

Another point that could save the athletes is the lack of sample collection since the lockdown. NADA has not collected even one sample in the period from April until now. Since the lockdown, because of travel restrictions, the dope control officials have been unable to travel and hence collection has been affected. Whether losing the password is a plausible reason for not updating the whereabouts needs to be seen.

PAY CONCERN FOR OUTSTATION PROS

Anticipating drop in sponsorship, state associations unsure if remuneration packages will remain the same

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

THE coronavirus pandemic has upset calculations of the state cricket associations. With several corporate entities suffering losses due to the lockdown, some of these associations are fearing a drop in sponsorship, compared to what they got in the last few years.

There are talks that some associations may revise their budget. If they resort to cost cutting, players who ply their trade as outstation professionals could be in for a pay cut. On top of match fees, these cricketers are usually offered an additional amount by the association hiring them, although there are cases where just the match fee is paid. Each state can field a maximum of three such professionals.

In the 2019-20 season, a player in the senior men's section was supposed to get around ₹14 lakh after deductions if he played all matches. Renowned professionals like Robin Uthappa got more.

"Last year we hired professional cricketers. But post coronavirus, the situation is different. The amount professional cricketers get this season could be me more or less than last season depending on the budget," said Mahim Verma, secretary of Uttarakhand CA.

Demand of outstation professionals increased after teams from Northeast became part of BCCI's domestic structure. Due to lack of experience in the local circuit, most teams from these regions hired cricketers who had played at the first-class level for other teams earlier.

These professionals are also worried about finances and travel. "Life post lockdown would be a little difficult, especially travelling to different cities. The decision to choose between playing for another state and personal safety will be in the minds of the players," said Tamil Nadu's Rahil Shah, who was one of the professionals for Uttarakhand last season. "We have no idea how the packages (pay) will be," added the spinner.

The likes of Robin Uthappa, who turns out for Kerala, might get pay cuts

Vipul Phadke, secretary of Goa Cricket Association, says it will be difficult for the smaller associations to offer substantial packages to woo an established player away from his state. "We use the services of professionals and pay them match fees stipulated by the BCCI. We don't offer contracts or packages. We are aware that several units have utilised the services of some star players, gave them good packages. But at the moment, we don't want to offer anything like that to outstation players," said Phadke.

KB Arun Karthik, who has been playing as a professional for several years, thinks this is not the time to bargain. "Millions in the world have no money, no jobs. We should be happy with what we get, keeping in mind the grave situation. Packages may not be the same, you have to accept the reality and be content, as the situation is very bad," said the batsman who played for Puducherry last season.

Shah felt that cricketers not employed elsewhere who depend on the game for livelihood will be affected. "There is no club cricket or T20 league in the country at the moment. The Ranji season is yet to start. It will be a problem for players without employment. Total stoppage of cricket could eat into the savings of a lot of players and cause financial problems."

However, Sreejith V Nair, secretary of Kerala Cricket Association, stays optimistic. He feels the situation will be better when the Ranji season starts. "We are hopeful that the situation will be better. Professional cricketers need not worry. They will be looked after. Packages will depend on talent and the utility they bring to the side," he said. Kerala is a state which pays a handsome amount to outstation professionals on top of match fees.

MAX SPAIN

Valencia players celebrate after scoring against Levante in their La Liga clash at Mestalla, Valencia, on Saturday. The match ended in a 1-1 draw | AFP

KSCA pre-season meet uncertain

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

AS expected, the Covid-19 pandemic has started taking a toll on the domestic cricket circuit. The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) announced on Saturday that the annual Dr K Thimmappiah memorial tournament is uncertain due to the situation. This pre-season event featuring outstation and local teams is a preparatory platform ahead of Ranji Trophy.

If the Thimmappiah memorial is not held, several state teams will be affected. The competition sees participation of 12 outstation and four KSCA teams in four-day games. Played before the domestic season around July-August, it has been a popular destination for teams from various states for many years.

The KSCA has not ruled it out yet. "We have to understand the situation. We don't know whether teams will be willing to travel for the tournament or not. But you have to see that we are not ruling it out," KSCA treasurer and spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya said.

"Karnataka Premier League and the Thimmappiah memorial will be considered later depending on the BCCI calendar and availability of window," said a KSCA statement. The KPL is suspended and under investigation after incidents of fixing and betting last year. "We don't know what is going to happen (with KPL). Let's see when the police report comes,".

Leagues in one-day format

The KSCA has decided that its first and second division leagues featuring two-day games will be one-day (50 overs) affairs this season. They are tentatively expected to begin in July. The one-day event for YS Ramaswamy memorial trophy is unlikely. The under-19 and under-16 club tournaments could start in August and September respectively.

The KSCA is awaiting standard operating procedures (SOP) from the BCCI. "We are making our own SOP, based on government guidelines. We are also waiting for guidelines from the BCCI. We will take everything into consideration," said KSCA secretary Santosh Menon.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME)** AROKIA MARY VIMALA W/o Sundar Aged 47 years, Residing @ No. 241, 9th Cross, Rajendra Nagar, Koramangala, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 560 047. Shall Henceforth be known as **(NEW NAME) VIMALA** Vide affidavit dated : 09-03-2020 before notary V. Rangaramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PITCHAIAH, F/o No. 8036151F, NK (TS), PERURI VENKATESWARLU, presently working at Pioneer Corps Training Centre, ADM Coy, Agram Post, Bangalore-560007, shall henceforth be known as **PERURI PICHAIAH,** vide affidavit dated: 13.06.2020, before notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **"SHABANA PARVEEN"**, W/o. Sri Syed Abdul Samad, also known as "SHABANA SYED", residing at Flat No. D-401, Siroya Sunshine Apartments, KHB Main Road, Manorayanapalya, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore -560 032, would like to retain and continue my former name **"SHABANA PARVEEN"** and the same has been deposed vide Affidavit dated 10.06.2020, sworn before Sri Y.R. Chandrashekhar, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore 560 032.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RIZWANA, No. 136, Vidya Nagar, 5th Ward, Dommasandra, Bangalore-562127, have changed my Minor Son's name from **REHANA** to **SYED REHAN** vide affidavit Dated 13/06/2020 before N.Nagappa, Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VENKATA LAXMI, M/o No. 8036151F, NK (TS), PERURI VENKATESWARLU, presently working at Pioneer Corps Training Centre, ADM Coy, Agram Post, Bangalore -560007, shall henceforth be known as **PERURI VENKATA LAKSHMAMMA,** vide affidavit dated: 13.06.2020, before notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VISHWANATH RAO BHONSLE .N**, S/o Narendra Rao Bhonsle A., age 32 years, R/a No. 2772, 7th Main Road, Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-78 do hereby declare that I am known and called as **Vishwanath Rao Bhonsle .N, S/o Narendra Rao Bhonsle A. & Mahalakshmi Bhonsle** only and not as Vishwanath Rao Bounsle .N S/o Narendra Rao Bounsle .A & Mahalakshmi. Henceforth I shall be known and called as **Vishwanath Rao Bhonsle .N, S/o Narendra Rao Bhonsle A. & Mahalakshmi Bhonsle** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 12.06.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, C AMMU, W/o No. 14836065W, SEP/MT, M SUDHAKAR, R/at Nimmiyambattu, Nimmiyambattu, Vaniyambadi, Alangayam, Vellore - 635752, Tamil Nadu shall henceforth be known as **S AMMU,** vide affidavit dated: 13.06.2020, before notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAGBIR SINGH, S/o. Late Ran Singh, residing at No. 29, 1st Cross, 1st Floor, Sanjay Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037, have changed my Minor Son's name from **TANMAY** to **TANMAY SHARAYA** vide affidavit Dated 29/02/2020 sworn before Notary K.Venkateshan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Gayatri. P Pandurangi,** aged 27 years, W/o Mr. B.S. Tejasvi, residing at No. 16/23, Srinilaya, Railway Men's Colony, 6th Cross, R.K. Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from **'GAYATRI. P. PANDURANGI'** to **"GAYATRI. B. TEJASVI"** vide Affidavit dated 06.06.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public M.S. Satish, Bangalore. Herein after I shall be known as **Gayatri. B. Tejasvi** for all purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice to the general that my clients namely 1.G.S Naveen and 2. S.T Jagadish have jointly proposed to enter into an Agreement of Sale for the purchase of the schedule lands situated at Jammanahalli Village and Ananthapur Village respectively described under the schedule herein from their Vendors and khatedars namely R.Babu Reddy **(Owner of Schedule A & A1 to Schedule C lands)** residing at No.690/H-1, 14th Main Opposite VET School J.P Nagar 2nd Phase Bangalore South Bangalore-560 078 and Poolu Nagaraj residing at No.21, 14th A Cross, near Nandini Theatre WCR 2nd Stage 2nd Phase Mahalakshmipuram Bangalore-560066 and A.Nagraj No.25, Priya Dharshini NilayaWard No.2, Opposite Bangalore Road Malur Kolar-563130 **(owners of Schedule 'D' land)** for their lands situated at various Survey numbers as described under schedule A to D respectively.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client has proposed to purchase the Schedule A to D properties from their vendors as mentioned above and any objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for or against such purchase shall be addressed to the office of the counsel mentioned below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and in the absence of such objections and claims my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule lands from A to D.

SCHEDULE -A

All that piece and parcel of the landed property situated at Jammanahalli Village, Avani Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District

1. **Land bearing Sy.No.136 (Old Sy.No.6) totally measuring 3 acres minus 10 guntas kharab measuring 2 acres and 30 guntas out of 2-04.04 guntas.**
2. **Survey No.141 (Old Sy.No.6) measuring 2.00 acres 1 gunta minus 6 guntas measuring 1 acre 35 guntas of dry land out of 1-16.08 guntas.**

Item Nos.1 and 2 are bounded on:
East by : Land belonging to Babu Reddy out of Sy.No.6 (Vendor)
West by : Lands belonging to Doreswamy Iyengar since dead by his family members and properties of Anathapura Venkataramaiah and his family and property of Bangalore Eramma
North by : Survey No. 140 and Ananthpur Boundry(GHADI)
South by : National Highway No.4 leads from Bangalore to Chennai

SCHEDULE A-1

1. **Lands bearing Sy.No.140 (Old Sy.No.6) measuring 2.01 acres minus 9 guntas measuring 1 acre and 32 guntas of dry land.**
2. **Land bearing Survey No.144 (Old No.6) totally measuring 2 acres of dry land.**
3. **Land bearing Survey No.145 (Old No.6) totally measuring 1 acre 15 guntas minus 5 guntas measuring 1 acre 10 guntas**

Item Nos.1 to 3 commonly bounded as follows:
East by : Survey No.138
West by : Lands belonging to Doreswamy Iyengar since dead by his family members and properties of Anathapura Venkataramaiah and his family and property of Bangalore Eramma
North b : Ananthpur Boundry (Ghadi) Survey No.48 own property of purchaser and Survey No.6 own property of purchaser
South by : Sy.No.136 and 141

SCHEDULE- 'B'

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.48 totally measuring 10 acres 8 guntas minus 30 guntas of kharab measuring 9 acres and 18 guntas of dry land situated at Ananthapur Village, Avani Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, consisting of old open well bounded on:
East by. : Jammanahalli Ghadi in possession of Baba Sab, Netti Hanumappa, and Others in Sy.No.6
West by : Lands of Dasari Munivenkatappa Bangaloremma and Others
North by : Lands of S.M Narayanappa since dead by his family members in possession driver Khuddus and Others
South by : Jammanahalli Ghadi own property of purchasers and others villagers of Ananthpur

SCHEDULE 'C'

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Old Survey No.6 New Sy.No.138 under Khata No.114 measuring 15 guntas of dry land situated at Jammanahalli Village, Avani Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District which is bounded on:
East by : Land in Same Survey number (remaining portion)
West by : Own Property of the purchaser
North by : Sy.No.48 of S.Ananthpur Village owned by the Purchaser
South by : Own Property in Sy.No.6

SCHEDULE -D

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Old Survey No.6 New Sy.No.138 totally measuring 3 acres 37 guntas out of which 15 guntas belonging to R.Babu Reddy and remaining kharab of 6 guntas measuring 3 Acres and 16 guntas of dry land situated at Jammanahalli Village, Avani Hobli, Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District which is bounded on:
East by : Land in Same Survey number (remaining portion)
West by : Own Property of the purchaser
North by : Sy.No.48 of S.Ananthpur Village owned by the Purchaser
South by : : Own Property in Sy.No.6.

Address for Service:
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No.3682, 13th Main, 8th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038. Ph:9611562268

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client with an intention to purchase the Property bearing No.1/14, PID No.43-8-1/14, Situated at 7th Cross, Mysore Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 77 feet on Eastern Side and 81 feet on Western Side comprising an area of 3950 sq.feet, together with RCC Roofed Commercial Building (which is morefully described hereunder referred as Schedule Property) from **SRI.S.MAHAVEER CHAND (HUF) & others** and entered into a Sale Agreement by paying **an advance amount** with respect to the Schedule Property. Hence If any person has/have any kind of charge, lien, adverse claim or objections over the same, they are advised to contact me with all the documentary proof in support of the claim to the below mentioned address within fifteen (15) Days from the date of this publication of notice, otherwise it will be construed that there are no charges or claims of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property and my client will proceed for the purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.1/14, PID No.43-8-1/14, Situated at 7th Cross, Mysore Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 77 feet on Eastern Side and 81 feet on Western Side comprising an area of 3950 sq.feet, together with RCC Roofed Commercial Building having with all other civic amenities and bounded on:

East by : Site No.15
West by : Site No.13
North by : Newly formed 30 feet width Road
South by : Remaining portion of Property belonging to the K.N.Hari Kumar and others and bounded by compound wall belonging to K.N.Hari Kumar and others.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Koramangala Branch, Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated : **03.12.2019** calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgager **Mrs. M. Archana** and **Mr. R Raghavendra Gowd** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.40,73,349.27 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine and paise Twenty Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgager having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules on this **9th day of June of the year 2020.**

The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda, Koramangala Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 40,73,349.27 Rs.40,73,349.27 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine and paise Twenty Seven Only)** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No: 209, 2nd Floor, 2 BHK East Facing having super built up area 1244 SFT with One Car Parking and UDS of 400 Square Feet in "Sattava Shubham" Building Complex having BBMP Khatha no 59/2147/167/3/4/5/6/7/8, formed out of Sy No. 167/3, Kothanur village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560041 bounded by: On the East by: Common Passage, On the West by : Set back & Road, On the North by : Flat No. 208, On the South by : Common Passage.

Date : 09.06.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14.11.2019 calling upon the borrowers **1. Smt. Anuradha shekar W/o.Late Gunashekar M and 2. Late Gunashekar M** represented by his legal heir Smt.Anuradhashekar and Smt.Reshma Gunashekar residing at No.951, BEL 5th Block, Vidyanarayanapaura Main, Opp. BEL White Square Apartments, Bangalore – 560 097 and guarantors Smt Reshma Gunashekar and Sri.Vishwas Kohli residing at No.55, Meyer Road, No.10-02, Singapore - 437978 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.5,69,70,752/- (Rupees Five Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two Only)** as on 31.10.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, on 8th day of JUNE 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Kengeri Branch, Bangalore for an amount of Rs.5,69,70,752/- (Rupees Five Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on 31.10.2019 plus interest from 01/11/2019 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Item No.1 : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.F-603,Khatha No.363, formed in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in Survey No.53/1,53/2,54,56/2,57 to 62/1,62/2,62/3,62/4,62/5 and 62/6,80/3,80/4,82/1,82/2 and 82/3, 175,187,189 to 193 situated in herohalli village, (Magadi Road), Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and District, Now it comes under Ward No.72, Herohalli, BEL Layout 1st stage, BBMP,Bangalore.The layout has been formed by The Bharath Electronics Employees House Building Co-operative Society Limited, measuring on the East by 12.20 Meters (40ft), on the West 12.20 Meters (40ft). On North 18.30 Meters (60ft) and on the South 18.30 Meters (60ft) and totally measuring 223.26 Sq. Mtrs. and building thereon,bounded by:- East by : 60 feet Road, West by : Site No.588/589, North by : Site No.604, South by : Site No.602

Item No.2 : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.344, situated at 4th Main, 3rd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097 bearing BBMP Khatha No.316/316/344, New PID No.009-W0329-25, Ward No.09, Ward Name vidyaranyapura. Originally this schedule property was formed and developed in Survey No.1 (Portion),2 to 14, 21 to 25 of Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. The layout has been formed by The Bharath Electronics Employees Co-operative House Building Society Limited, measuring on East 40 ft, West 40 ft, North 64.6 ft, South 67.6 ft, and East to West 64.6 ft + 67.6 ft/2, North to South 40 ft & totally measuring 2640 sqft & building thereon, bounded by:- East by: Road, West by: Jarakbande Kaval Village Boundary, North by: Site No.345, South by : Site No.343.

Date : 08.06.2020
Place: Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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FACT OF THE MATTER

45% infections asymptomatic

STUDY REVIEW

As much as 45 per cent of people infected by the novel coronavirus behind the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic never show symptoms of the disease, according to a review of studies which suggests that the virus may silently damage the bodies of these asymptotic individuals. Scientists analysed public datasets on asymptomatic infections of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2. The findings is published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Spider named after Greta

NEW HONOUR

Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg can add to her list of personal accolades, including *TIME* magazine's Person of the Year, a group of spiders named after her. Thunberga gen nov is a new genus of huntsman spiders from Madagascar, described by German arachnologist Peter Jager, in a study printed in the scientific journal *Zootaxa*, and named after the wunderkind in honour of her commitment to tackling climate change. "The rising temperatures affect all areas of nature — including the endemic diversity and spider fauna of Madagascar," said Jager, who has participated in several protests inspired by Thunberg's School Strike for Climate.

UNEXPECTED STRUCTURES FOUND NEAR EARTH'S CORE

Scientists detected these areas of unusually dense and hot rock in our planet's core-mantle boundary, but are unsure of its composition

SEISMIC STUDIES

NEW YORK: Analysing thousands of recordings of seismic waves, or sound waves travelling through the Earth, scientists have detected widespread, heterogenous structures — areas of unusually dense, hot rock — at the core-mantle boundary than previously known. However, they are unsure of the composition of these structures, and previous studies have provided only a limited view of them.

The new research, published in the journal *Science*, provides the first comprehensive view of the core-mantle boundary over a wide area with such detailed resolution.

The researchers focused on echoes of seismic waves travelling beneath the Pacific Ocean basin. Their analysis revealed a previously unknown structure beneath the volcanic Marquesas Islands in the South Pacific and showed that the structure beneath the Hawaiian Islands is much larger than previously known.

"By looking at thousands of core-mantle boundary echoes at once, instead of focusing on a few at a time, as is usually done, we have gotten a totally new perspective," said Doyeon Kim, a postdoctoral fellow in the University of Maryland Department of Geology and the lead author of the paper.

"This is showing us that the core-mantle boundary region has lots of structures that can produce these echoes, and that was something we didn't realise before because we only had a narrow view."

Earthquakes generate seismic waves below Earth's surface that travel thousands of kilometres. When the waves encounter changes in rock density, temperature or composition, they change speed, bend or scatter, producing echoes that can be detected.

Echoes from nearby structures arrive more quickly, while those from larger structures are louder. By measuring the travel time and amplitude of these echoes as they arrive at seismometers in different locations, scientists can develop models of the physical properties of rock hidden below the surface. This process is similar to the way bats echo-locate to map their environment.

For this study, researchers looked for echoes generated by a specific type of wave, called a shear wave, as it travels along the core-mantle boundary.

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In a recording from a single earthquake, known as a seismogram, echoes from diffracted shear waves can be hard to distinguish from random noise. But looking at many seismograms from many earthquakes at once can reveal similarities and patterns that identify the echoes hidden in the data.

Using a machine learning algorithm called Sequencer, researchers analysed 7,000 seismograms from hundreds of earthquakes of 6.5 magnitude and greater occurring around the Pacific Ocean basin from 1990 to 2018.

Sequencer was developed by the new study's co-authors from Johns Hopkins University and Tel Aviv University to find patterns in radiation from distant stars and galaxies. When applied to seismograms from earthquakes, the algorithm discovered a large number of shear wave echoes.

The study revealed a few surprises in the structure of the core-mantle boundary.

"We found echoes on about 40 per cent of all seismic wave paths," said Vedran Lekic, an associate professor of geology at the University of Maryland and a co-author of the study.

Scientists found that the large patch of very dense, hot material at the core-mantle boundary beneath Hawaii produced uniquely loud echoes, indicating that it is even larger than previous estimates.

This study also found a previously unknown ultralow-velocity zones beneath the Marquesas Islands.

1ST WOMAN TO HEAD HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT

NASA MISSION

WASHINGTON: The NASA official who managed the inaugural private crewed flight into space last month has been promoted to become the first female head of human spaceflight, the US agency said on Friday, as it prepares to return people to the Moon in 2024.

"Kathy Lueders has been selected to lead @NASA's Human Exploration & Operations Mission Directorate," NASA head Jim Bridenstine announced on Twitter.

"Kathy has successfully managed both the Commercial Crew & Commercial Cargo programs and is the right person to lead HEO as we prepare to send astronauts to the Moon in 2024," he added.

Lueders, who joined NASA in 1992, oversaw the May 30 launch of two astronauts on a SpaceX rocket to the International Space Station — the first ever crewed commercial flight into space.

She has for years been in charge of the testing programme for space capsules developed by private companies that are partnering with NASA to build vessels that can take humans into space.

Self-swabbing Covid-19 tests accurate, says study

SAFE AND EASY

NEW YORK: Test samples collected by people who swabbed their own nasal passages yielded results for the Covid-19 virus that were as accurate as samples collected by a health care worker, according to a recently published study.

For the findings, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, researchers picked 30 participants who previously had tested positive for Covid-19.

They collected their own samples at a drive-through testing site after watching a short video animation and reading a one-page document instructing them how to perform the swab. The nasal swab for the study is more comfortable to use than the long nasopharyngeal swab currently used to collect samples from the back of the nasal cavity.

"There is an urgent need to increase our testing capacity to slow the overall spread of the virus," said study researcher Yvonne Maldonado from the Stanford University in the US.

"A sample collection procedure that can safely and easily be performed by the patient in their own car or at home could reduce the exposure of health care workers and also allow many more people to submit samples for testing," Maldonado added.

According to the researchers, allowing people who suspect they may have Covid-19 to collect their own sample has many advantages.

The study participants collected their own specimen by applying a nasal swab to both nostrils.

NO INCREASE IN RADIATION

Scientists see hope after fires in April

NATURAL RECOVERY

CHERNOBYL: Ukrainian scientist Oleksandr Borsuk looks bitterly at the charred trunks of old pine trees as the acrid smell of burnt wood hangs in the air. The scene he is taking in would not be out of place on the set of a sci-fi post-apocalyptic movie.

In the spring, a huge fire battered the Chernobyl exclusion zone, devastating the lush forests at the scene of the world's worst nuclear accident and dealing a major blow to its ecosystem.

"This pine forest will never be reborn," Borsuk, the 32-year-old head of the flora and fauna lab at the Chernobyl reserve, told *AFP*, adding a new ecosystem will form in its place.

The fire, which broke out in April and was only put out in mid-May, reached to within just 1.5 kilometres of the protective dome over a ruined reactor, according to Greenpeace.

The blaze — the largest since the 1986 catastrophe — spanned 66,000 hectares, including 42,000 hectares of forests.

The fire also tore through 10 abandoned villages and an old cemetery near the village of Rozsokha, leaving behind burnt iron crosses and charred nameplates. Several pine trees fell across the tombs.

Authorities said that no increase in radiation levels had been detected and there were no human casualties.

Local wildlife has not been spared, however. While birds and large animals such as wolves, elks and lynxes managed to escape, small mammals like hares as well as snakes and other reptiles perished.

Speaking on a tour of the devastated areas, Borsuk said it was still too early to assess the full damage but noted that the conifer forests were hit hardest.

"It takes a long time for conifers to regenerate," he said. "The trees will be dying for the next two to three years." Most of the forests will survive, however, he added.

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KARNATAKA FRANSALIAN SOCIETY Proposed Institution: St. Francis de Sales College – M.B.A. Course, Sy. No.62/3, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Electronics City Post, Bengaluru - 560 100, Web : www.sfscollege.in Walk-in-Interview. Karnataka Fransalian Society, Bengaluru, invites application for the post of Principal / Director, Professor, Asst. Professor in the Subject of Management (Marketing, HR, Finance etc.) for its proposed New Institution in St. Francis de Sales College. Walk in with Application detailed resume of all require documents, Qualification, Experience and Salary package as per AICTE Norms, Shortlisted Candidates can join for the academic year : 2020-21. Eligible candidate may attend the interview Time : 2 to 4 PM (Mon-Fri) Place of Interview : Office of President - Karnataka Fransalian Society , Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Electronics City Post Bengaluru-560 100.

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NOTIFICATION

DIPLOMA COMMON ENTRANCE TEST – 2020 FOR DIPLOMA HOLDERS (DCET-2020)

Government by its Notification No. ED 59 TEC 2012 dated 26.05.2012 and 21.06.2012 has directed Karnataka Examinations Authority to conduct Diploma Common Entrance Test for admission to 2nd Year / 3rd Semester Engineering Courses and for first year Architecture courses under Lateral Entry Scheme for both Day and Evening Colleges from the year 2012-13 in the state of Karnataka. Further, Government in its order ED 23 TPE 2018 Bangalore dated 03.04.2018 has directed KEA to conduct Diploma Common Entrance Test by adopting new syllabus (Outcome Based Education), the same syllabus has been hosted on the KEA website for the information of the candidates.

Pursuant to the said notification/s, online applications are invited from eligible Diploma Holders for admission to 2nd Year / 3rd Semester Engineering Courses and for first year Architecture courses under Lateral Entry Scheme for both Day and Evening Colleges. Candidates have to appear for the Diploma Common Entrance Test-2020 conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority to become eligible for admission to these courses. The candidates seeking admission only to B. Architecture course need not have to appear for Diploma Common Entrance Test-2020 conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority. But, they need to have valid NATA score become eligible for admission to First year/First Semester B. Architecture course and should apply for DCET-2020.

Academic Eligibility: The details of academic eligibility for all the above courses are available on the KEA website http://kea.kar.nic.in. The candidates are advised to verify the eligibility criteria before applying for any of the courses.

Hosting of DCET-2020 Information Bulletin	After 2:00 pm on 16.06.2020
Commencement of Entry of Application Online:	From 3:00 pm on 16.06.2020
Last Date to Enter Application details online	Up to 5:30 pm on 30.06.2020
Last date to pay the fees in the bank.	02.07.2020 (Banking Hours)
Downloading of Admission Tickets	28.07.2020 from 4:00 pm onwards

NOTE:
- After ascertaining the payment details from the bank, candidate will be permitted to download the admission ticket.
- The information / particulars entered by the candidates online for Diploma CET-2020 will be deemed as "Final" and will be the basis for further process. No change in any information entered by the candidates will be entertained.
- The information entered online by the candidates with regard to Caste / Category and Annual Income remains same for the purpose of assignment of ranks / selection or allotment of a seat and no change will be entertained in future for any reasons.

Diploma CET-2020 Time table

Date/Day	Timings	Subject	Marks
09.08.2020 SUNDAY	10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM	Respective subject	180
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At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned firms / individual (s) companies against secured assets through its Indiranagar Branch. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset (NPA) in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by **Reserve Bank Of India** consequent to the default by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the **demand notice** sent by the Speed Post/registered AD calling upon you, was un-served / not acknowledged, therefore this notice is now issued / published.

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